

**VA Advanced Fellowship Program in Mental Illness Research and Treatment  
at the VISN 5 Mental Illness Research, Education, and Clinical Center (MIRECC)**



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<http://www.mirecc.va.gov/visn5/research/fellowship.asp>

The VA Advanced Fellowship Program in Mental Illness Research and Treatment at the VISN 5 MIRECC has one post-doctoral psychologist fellowship position and one post-residency psychiatrist fellowship position in Mental Illness Research and Treatment. The goal of these two-year fellowships is to train psychologists and psychiatrists to become leading clinical researchers in the area of serious mental illness. The fellowship program provides opportunities for excellent training in psychosocial treatment development; individual, group, family, and community interventions; health services and implementation research; and research in psychopharmacology. We are one of 25 sites in the national VA Advanced Fellowship Program in Mental Illness Research and Treatment and are affiliated with the University of Maryland, School of Medicine, providing an outstanding collaborative and interdisciplinary setting for fellows interested in research on interventions and recovery among individuals with serious mental illness.

Detailed information about the VA Advanced Fellowship Program in Mental Illness Research and Treatment at the VISN 5 MIRECC can be found on the national MIRECC website at <http://www.mirecc.va.gov/mirecc-fellowship.asp> and at the VISN 5 website at <http://www.mirecc.va.gov/visn5/>. Potential applicants are encouraged to contact Dr. Melanie Bennett at [Melanie.Bennett@va.gov](mailto:Melanie.Bennett@va.gov) for more information.

Applicants for the post-doctoral psychologist fellowship position must have graduated from an American Psychological Association (APA) accredited doctoral program in clinical or counseling psychology (or be on track to complete their graduate program prior to beginning the fellowship) and must have completed an APA-accredited internship. Applicants for the post-residency psychiatrist fellowship position must have completed Accrediting Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) or American Osteopathic Association (AOA) accredited residency training, must be either board certified or actively pursuing board certification, and specifically interested in pursuing a clinical research career focused on psychiatric disorders and associated conditions.

A successful candidate for the fellowship program will have participated in active programs of research with resultant presentations/publications and will have a history of specialty training in serious mental illness. The fellowship adheres strongly to a scientist-practitioner model of training. The candidate will demonstrate a commitment to the scientist-practitioner model as evidenced by history of research in serious mental illness, as well as training in empirically supported treatments for those with these conditions. Successful candidates will also demonstrate a commitment to serving Veterans and an interest in VA. Those who do not meet these eligibility requirements will be notified by the site as soon as possible.

The Postdoctoral Fellowship abides by the policies stated in the Association of Psychology Post Doctoral and Internship Centers (APPIC), American Psychological Association (APA) and VA Office of Academic Affiliation (OAA) regulations. Applicants are referred to the APPIC website, [www.appic.org](http://www.appic.org), APA website, [www.apa.org](http://www.apa.org), and OAA website, [www.va.gov/oaa/](http://www.va.gov/oaa/) for a detailed description of the policies. The VAMHCS is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Our postdoctoral fellowship program values cultural and individual diversity and welcomes applicants from all backgrounds.

## **Application & Selection Requirements and Procedures**

### ***Psychologist Applicants***

Applications for the post-doctoral psychologist fellowship position are due **January 31, 2017**. Except under very unusual circumstances, all application materials must be submitted through the APPA CAS (<http://appic.org/AAPL-APPA/APPA-Postdoc-Application-Information>). The following documents are required for application to our program:

1. A letter of interest that outlines career goals, expectations, and goodness of fit with the mission of the VA Advanced Fellowship Program in Mental Illness Research and Treatment at the VISN 5 MIRECC
2. A current curriculum vitae
3. Official graduate transcripts
4. Three signed letters of recommendation, one of which must be from an internship supervisor

The Fellowship Steering Committee will review all completed applications and will extend invitations for on-site or telephone interviews during late January and early February. Offers will be extended by the Director of Fellowship in line with the uniform notification date of **February 27, 2017**.

### ***Psychiatrist Applicants***

Applications for the post-residency psychiatry fellowship position will be accepted and reviewed by the Fellowship Steering Committee on a rolling basis until the position is filled. Psychiatrist applicants can send or email materials directly to the Fellowship Director at the address below. The following documents are required for application to our program:

1. A letter of interest that outlines career goals, expectations, and goodness of fit with the mission of the VA Advanced Fellowship Program in Mental Illness Research and Treatment at the VISN 5 MIRECC
2. A current curriculum vitae
3. Official graduate transcripts
4. A signed letter from your graduate program Director of Clinical Training or mentor that lists date of dissertation proposal, anticipated or actual date of dissertation defense, and anticipated or actual date of graduation
5. Three signed letters of recommendation, one of which must be from an internship supervisor

### **All questions and inquiries should be sent via email to:**

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