

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

**Postdoctoral Residency Admissions, Support, and Initial Placement Data**

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**Program Disclosures**

<b>Does the program or institution require students, trainees, and/or staff (faculty) to comply with specific policies or practices related to the institution’s affiliation or purpose? Such policies or practices may include, but are not limited to, admissions, hiring, retention policies, and/or requirements for completion that express mission and values?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<b>If yes, provide website link (or content from brochure) where this specific information is presented:</b>  	

**Postdoctoral Program Admissions**

<b>Briefly describe in narrative form important information to assist potential applicants in assessing their likely fit with your program. This description must be consistent with the program’s policies on resident selection and practicum and academic preparation requirements:</b>
The VA Advanced Fellowship Program in Mental Illness Research and Treatment at the VISN 5 MIRECC has two 2-year fellowship positions: one position for an MD Fellow from psychiatry, neurology, radiology, internal medicine, or other areas of medicine and one position for an Allied Health Fellow from clinical psychology, counseling psychology, social work, nursing, or pharmacy. The goal of our program is to train fellows to become leading clinical researchers in the area of serious mental illness. Fellows develop independent programs of research on topics related to psychosocial treatment development and implementation of recovery-oriented services. The program provides opportunities for mentored research training in psychosocial treatment development; individual, group, family, and community interventions; health services and implementation research; and research in psychopharmacology. Fellows engage in supervised clinical training, delivering clinical services both in settings that serve Veterans with serious mental illness as well as in other programs within fellows’ areas of interest. In addition, fellows participate in educational activities with local, VISN-wide, and national reach within VA and benefit from academic experiences focused on biostatistical methods, health informatics, grant writing, and overall career development. Fellows spend approximately 65% of their time in research-related research and clinical activities, 25% of their time in clinical service and training activities, and 10% of their time in didactic and administrative activities.
<b>Describe any other required minimum criteria used to screen applicants:</b> A successful candidate will have graduate training in applied research in mental health and recovery, will have actively participated in research with resultant presentations and publications, will demonstrate a commitment to the scientist-practitioner model, will have training in empirically supported treatments for mental illness, and will

demonstrate a commitment to serving Veterans. We are especially interested in applicants who want to develop research in evidence-based service delivery for Veterans experiencing early episode psychosis; the intersection of mental illness and substance use disorders; mental illness and aging; stigma and treatment engagement; sleep, circadian science, and mental health recovery; and applications of measurement-based care to improve outcomes for Veterans living with mental illness.

Physician applicants must have completed ACGME-accredited training, be board eligible or board certified, and have an active, unrestricted U.S. to practice. International medical graduates must also have a current visa and an ECFMG certificate that is valid indefinitely. Applicants on a J-1 visa must also have current ECFMG sponsorship. Eligible psychologists and allied health professionals must be U.S. citizens. Psychologist applicants must have graduated from an American Psychological Association (APA) or Canadian Psychological Association (CPA) accredited doctoral program in clinical or counseling psychology (or be on track to complete graduate training prior to beginning fellowship) and must have completed an APA- or CPA-accredited internship. For eligibility requirements for other Allied Health disciplines, contact Dr. Sherry Beaudreau at [Sherry.Beaudreau@va.gov](mailto:Sherry.Beaudreau@va.gov) or Dr. Nathan Hantke at [hantke@ohsu.edu](mailto:hantke@ohsu.edu).

### **Financial and Other Benefit Support for Upcoming Training Year\***

Annual Stipend/Salary for Full-time Residents	\$60,238
Annual Stipend/Salary for Half-time Residents	N/A
Program provides access to medical insurance for Resident?	Yes
<b>If access to medical insurance is provided:</b>	
Trainee contribution to cost required?	Yes
Coverage of family member(s) available?	Yes
Coverage of legally married partner available?	Yes
Coverage of domestic partner available?	No
Hours of Annual Paid Personal Time Off (PTO and/or Vacation)	104
Hours of Annual Paid Sick Leave	104
In the event of medical conditions and/or family needs that require extended leave, does the program allow reasonable unpaid leave to interns/residents in excess of personal time off and sick leave?	Yes
Other Benefits (please describe): Time for professional development (e.g., attend conferences, present papers), \$1000 money per year for conference travel.	

\*Note. Programs are not required by the Commission on Accreditation to provide all benefits listed in this table

**Initial Post-Residency Positions**  
(Provide an Aggregated Tally for the Preceding 3 Cohorts)

	<b>2017-2020 (2017-2019; 2018-2020, 2020-2022)</b>	
Total # of residents who were in the 3 cohorts	4	
Total # of residents who remain in the training in the residency program	0	
	<b>PD</b>	<b>EP</b>
Community mental health center	0	0
Federally qualified health center	0	0
Independent primary care facility/clinic	0	0
University counseling center	0	0
Veterans Affairs medical center	0	4
Military health center	0	0
Academic health center	0	0
Other medical center or hospital	0	0
Psychiatric hospital	0	0
Academic/university department	0	0
Community college or other teaching setting	0	0
Independent research institution	0	0
Correctional facility	0	0
School district/system	0	0
Independent practice setting	0	0
Not currently employed	0	0
Changed to another field	0	0
Other	0	0
Unknown	0	0

Note: “PD” = Post-doctoral residency position; “EP” = Employed Position. Each individual represented in this table should be counted only one time. For former trainees working in more than one setting, select the setting that represents their primary position.