

fellowship

program announcement

Purpose

Pre-Doctoral Associated Health Rehabilitation Research Fellowship Program

To provide financial support and to facilitate completion of dissertation research relevant to rehabilitation needs of veterans with disabilities and to enhance rehabilitation research capacity within the **Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)**. It is expected that fellows in this program may assume leadership roles in rehabilitation research and clinical care after receiving their doctoral degrees. Fellows are encouraged, but not required, to seek permanent employment within the VA healthcare system after completion of the fellowship program. Students in allopathic or osteopathic medical schools are not eligible for this program.

Funding Support

\$26,330* for 12 month research fellowship (Starts October 1, 2008, unless requested and approved to start in August or September to coincide with the academic year.)

*or more, depending on locality adjustment

Eligible Students

- U.S. Citizen
- In an accredited doctoral program in a rehabilitation related health science such as engineering, kinesiology, neurosciences, nursing, occupational and physical therapy, psychology, or speech and hearing sciences
- Classified as a doctoral candidate by **October 1, 2008**
- Have a dissertation research topic that is relevant to the needs of veterans with disabilities
- Have a dissertation proposal approved by the graduate school's dissertation committee and the host VA facility's IRB, and Research and Development Committee by **October 1, 2008**

Applications Due

May 28, 2008

For additional information:

- Check VA's web page at <http://www.va.gov/oa/fellowships/>
- See program announcement sent to Dean/Program Director
- Contact the appropriate service chief at VA medical facility
- Contact Dr. Robert Zeiss at Robert.Zeiss@va.gov or at (202) 357-4028 or send correspondence to the following address:

Office of Academic Affiliations (143)

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