



DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS Palo Alto WRIISC Special Fellowship Program (PhD or MD track) with Research Interests in Complementary and Alternative Medicine (VAPA-WRIISC-SFP)

The Office of Academic Affiliations, Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), is now accepting applications for a two-year special Fellowship program for researchers (MD or PhD) in Complementary and Alternative Medicine (CAM) Research. The Fellowship start date is negotiable but the preferred start date is by January 2013. The Fellowship site is part of the VA Palo Alto War Related Illness and Injury Study Center (WRIISC) and is affiliated with Stanford University. The overall goal of this program is to recruit talented postdoctoral health professionals and allied scientists to conduct research into the efficacy, effectiveness, safety, mechanisms of action, and cost-benefits of CAM therapies. Through the two-year Fellowship, Fellows will receive a firm grounding in CAM concepts and research issues, develop and conduct studies that will create the foundation for future treatments, and participate in the development of innovative tools and measurements for CAM and integrative approaches to care. We expect the program to produce highly qualified, successful investigators whose careers will contribute substantially to research in CAM. Applications are encouraged from candidates with a background in behavioral sciences, biological sciences, biomedical engineering, or statistics. Additional credentials in CAM are not required but are seen as a plus. Suitable CAM modalities include, but not limited to, asana yoga, yoga nidra, guided imagery, meditation, tai chi, acupuncture, and QiGong.

This fellowship may include focus on CAM treatments for chronic pain, chronic fatigue, posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD), traumatic brain injury (TBI), and cognitive impairment. In collaboration with their mentors, Fellows will develop and conduct research projects, publish and present findings, participate in grant writing, and utilize the latest technologies for research, and educational activities.

The WRIISC site is linked to the two other WRIISC fellowship sites (Washington, DC and East Orange, NJ) as well as the VA Mental Illness Research, Education, and Clinical Center (MIRECC) fellowship program (based at Palo Alto) for didactic, academic, and research efforts.

To be eligible to apply for the WRIISC Fellowship Program, the MD, clinical or non-clinical PhD applicant must be able to provide evidence of U.S. citizenship.

Applications must be received by November 15, 2012. Applicants must submit: a) a letter confirming they can fulfill the eligibility requirements; b) a personal statement describing their interest in the Fellowship; c) 3 letters of recommendation; and d) a current curriculum vitae. These materials can be submitted directly to the Fellowship Program Director: Maheen M. Adamson, PhD at maheen.adamson@va.gov.

If the applicant is identified as the candidate of choice, they will be required to produce all documents listed above and the following additional documents:

1. Transcripts from all educational institutions
2. VA Form 10-2850d, "Application for Health Professions Trainees."

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