

**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**  
**Palo Alto WRIISC Special Fellowship Program for Clinical Psychologists (PhD track) with Research Interests in Mental Health and Neuroscience (VAPA-WRIISC-SFP)**

The Office of Academic Affiliations, Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), is now accepting applications for a two-year special Fellowship training program for clinical psychologists (PhD) in Mental Health Research and Treatment. The fellowship can begin between July 1<sup>st</sup> and October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012. The Fellowship site is part of the VA Palo Alto War Related Illness and Injury Study Center (WRIISC) and is affiliated with Stanford University. This interdisciplinary program aims to train clinical psychologists, with clinical and research training in broad range of specialties to become outstanding clinical researchers in high priority areas of brain and mental health. Individualized, mentored research and clinical training is combined with a state-of-the-art curriculum that emphasizes research methods, statistics, epidemiology, neuroscience, mental health systems, quality improvement methods, education, and service delivery. The VAPA-WRIISC-SFP site is linked to the two other WRIISC fellowship sites (Washington, DC, East Orange, NJ) as well as the VA Mental Illness Research, Education, and Clinical Center (MIRECC) fellowship program (Palo Alto, San Francisco) for didactic, academic, and research efforts. Fellows devote 75% of their time to research and education activities and 25% to clinical training. This fellowship integrates research, education and clinical care while focusing on major areas of study that may include such issues as Posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD), traumatic brain injury (TBI), chronic pain, and cognitive impairment. There is also opportunity to explore projects in geropsychology and dementia with WRIISC, MIRECC, and Stanford faculty. In collaboration with their mentors, Fellows will develop and conduct a research project, publish and present findings, participate in grant writing, and utilize the latest technologies for research, educational activities, and clinical service delivery.

A. To be eligible to apply for the WRIISC Fellowship Program, a clinical or non-clinical PhD applicant must be able to provide evidence of:

1. U.S. citizenship or immigration status

B. To apply for the WRIISC Fellowship Program, 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 at the following site: Palo Alto VA/Stanford, CA – Wes Ashford, MD, PhD at [wes.ashford@va.gov](mailto:wes.ashford@va.gov) or Fellowship Program PhD Director: Maheen M. Adamson, PhD at [maheen.adamson@va.gov](mailto:maheen.adamson@va.gov).

C. If the applicant is identified as the candidate of choice at this site, they will be required to produce all documents listed in above section A and the following additional documents:

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

For more information, please contact Maheen Adamson, PhD at the WRIISC Palo Alto Fellowship site, (650) 493-5000, "1", "1" then x62179 or [maheen.adamson@va.gov](mailto:maheen.adamson@va.gov).