



**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
Palo Alto WRIISC Special Fellowship Program (PhD track) with Research Interests
in Mental Health and Clinical 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 researchers (PhD) in Mental Health Research and Treatment focusing on Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), Posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD), memory problems (including dementia), and chronic pain. The Fellowship can begin between July 1st and October 1st, 2013. This is a joint fellowship between VA Palo Alto War Related Illness and Injury Study Center (WRIISC) and Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at Stanford University. This interdisciplinary program aims to provide clinical psychologists or recent Ph.D.'s in psychology, cognitive neuroscience, neuroscience or other applicable disciplines with clinical and research training in a broad range of specialties to become outstanding clinical researchers in high priority areas of brain and mental health. 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 (based at Palo Alto) for didactic, academic, and research efforts. This fellowship may include focus on research areas that are important to Veteran health such as Posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD), Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), chronic pain, Gulf War Illnesses and cognitive impairment. There is also opportunity to explore projects in geropsychology and dementia with WRIISC, MIRECC, and Stanford faculty. We are particularly interested in applying an interdisciplinary approach to address the multi-symptom chronic nature of the diseases our Veterans face including integrating neuropsychology, clinical assessments, longitudinal follow-up with advanced neuroimaging (e.g., DTI/fMRI) with state-of-the-art statistical models to reach better clinical outcomes. 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.

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

Applications must be received by February 15, 2013. 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."

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.