

**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS Palo Alto WRIISC 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.

Applicants must be U.S. citizens.

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 scientists to conduct research into the efficacy, safety, mechanisms of action, and cost-benefits of CAM therapy. Focus in this instance will be on yoga as therapy. Through the two-year Fellowship, Fellows will receive a firm grounding in yoga 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 yoga approaches to healthcare. Preference will be given to candidates with experience in analyzing and interpreting cognitive or physiological data. We expect the program to produce highly qualified, successful investigators whose careers will contribute substantially to research. Applications are encouraged from candidates with a background in behavioral science, cognitive science, or biomedical engineering. Additional credentials in yoga and meditation are not required but are seen as a plus.

The fellow will focus on data generated from the highly funded WRIISC CAM program including yoga treatments for chronic pain, and posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD). 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.

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 Peter Bayley, PhD at [peter.bayley@va.gov](mailto:peter.bayley@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 informal enquiries prior to submission of application materials, please contact Peter Bayley, PhD at [peter.bayley@va.gov](mailto:peter.bayley@va.gov)