

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. Accordingly, the Fellow enjoys full access to the rich resources of both institutions. The fellow will focus on rehabilitation research involving yoga and meditation to treat chronic conditions including posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and pain. Candidates should have an interest in the mechanisms of action of CAM therapies and in particular how they relate to both mental and physiological factors including; (1) memory consolidation, (2) autonomic nervous system activity, and (3) neuropsychological test performance.

Preference will be given to candidates with experience in analyzing and interpreting cognitive or physiological data. Applications are encouraged from candidates with a background in cognitive neuroscience, psychology, or physiological psychology. Fellows will receive a firm grounding in research issues in CAM, develop and conduct studies that will create the foundation for future treatments, and participate in the development of innovative tools and measurements for novel approaches to healthcare.

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

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