Tampa VA Medical Center

Postdoctoral Clinical Psychology Fellowship

with an emphasis in

Pain Psychology

We are seeking applicants for a Postdoctoral Fellowship in Clinical Psychology with an emphasis in Pain Psychology. The position is a 1-year Fellowship with various experiences treating chronic pain patients, including training in the only inpatient interdisciplinary pain program in the VA system. The Fellowship Program emphasizes clinical activity as well as research and professional development.

James A Haley Veterans’ Hospital: A large, modern teaching facility – a Flagship Veterans Affairs Medical Center – with multiple specialized programs and strong academic affiliations with the University of South Florida and other nearby teaching institutions. The patient population is diverse ranging from ages 18 to geriatric and includes a full range of medical and mental disorders.

Training Setting: The Chronic Pain Rehabilitation Program (CPRP) is the largest and most comprehensive pain program in the VA. Tampa is the only site with CARF-accredited inpatient and outpatient pain programs. In addition, unique training experiences in the Post-Deployment Clinic (PDC), Center for Post-Deployment Health and Education (CPHE), and in PACT/Primary Care are available. Training involves both research and clinical activities within the interdisciplinary inpatient pain treatment unit and several outpatient pain clinics and programs.

Research: Research activities will be accomplished within existing clinical research programs with the expectation that the resident will co-author at least one presentation at a national meeting or one journal article during the Fellowship. Research opportunities are available in: personality factors related to chronic pain outcomes, pain and mental health comorbidities among returning veterans, sleep and pain, headache, and alternative treatments to opioid management, among others.
**Training Staff:** The entire Psychology staff consists of more than 70 doctoral psychologists representing diverse theoretical orientations, clinical specialties, and interests. Of those, over 10 are pain psychologists involved in fellowship training. Many have academic appointments with neighboring University of South Florida. The staff is highly committed to the science of Psychology, values training, and the growth and development of trainees.

More detailed information about Tampa's pain programs can be found at the following URL: [http://www.tampa.va.gov/chronicpain/](http://www.tampa.va.gov/chronicpain/)

For a more detailed brochure about the Clinical Psychology Postdoctoral Fellowship with an emphasis in Pain, please email a request to Dr. Daniel Agliata at Daniel.Agliata@va.gov

**Start Date:** September 2014

**Stipend:** $42,239 + benefits

**Benefits:** Health insurance, Federal holidays, 13 days paid vacation, and up to 13 days of sick leave each year.

**Length of program:** 12 months

**The Community:** This VA Medical Center is set in beautiful Tampa, a city which, coupled with neighboring St. Petersburg, is known as a recreational paradise. We have award-winning beaches and parks, biking, the world-renowned Tampa Theater, the Tampa Performing Arts Center, a contemporary art and music scene, professional and collegiate sports teams such as the Tampa Bay Buccaneers football team, the Tampa Bay Rays baseball team, the Tampa Bay Lightning hockey team, and the University of South Florida Bulls. There is ready access to camping, fishing, golfing, water sports, and the great outdoors. Uniquely situated along Florida’s West Coast and within hours of Orlando, Miami, and the Florida Keys, Tampa is a melting pot of diversity and culture, and an inviting place to call home. All applicants are welcome.

**Eligibility:**
1. United States citizen.
2. Obtained a doctoral degree in psychology from an APA-accredited doctoral program.
3. Completed an APA-accredited psychology internship.
4. Males must have registered with the US Selective Service System before age 26.

**Application Procedure:**
1. Letter of application outlining specific training goals and long term professional goals, and how these goals fit our particular training program.
2. Detailed vita describing background, training and experience, a description of internship, and other scholarly activity and research.
3. Copy of all graduate transcripts.
4. Three letters of recommendation. At least one of these must be from an internship supervisor.
5. Copy of certificate of internship completion. If not completed, a letter (e-mail or fax is
acceptable) from the internship Training Director that an APA-accredited internship will be completed by September 1, 2014.

6. Copy of doctoral diploma. If not yet awarded, a letter (fax or e-mail is acceptable) from the APA-accredited graduate program Training Director that all degree requirements for the Ph.D./Psy.D. will be completed before September 1, 2014.
   i) If an applicant’s dissertation has not been defended at the time of postdoctoral offer, there will be regular and ongoing communication with the Assistant Training Director re: dissertation progress and projected defense date.
   ii) Official documentation of a confirmed dissertation defense date from the trainee’s graduate program must be received NO LATER THAN August 23, 2014.

*** The deadline for completed applications is January 1, 2014. Earlier submissions are highly encouraged.

Send application materials and inquiries to:
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The application deadline is January 1, 2014. Earlier submissions are preferred. The application materials will be reviewed by the Assistant Training Director for completion. A selection committee will review and rank order all completed applications. At that point, the top candidates will be offered interviews (either in person or by telephone, applicant’s choice). Offers will be made during the 3rd week of February 2014, in accordance with APPIC guidelines.

We strongly encourage applications from candidates from underrepresented groups. The Federal Government is an Equal Opportunity Employer.