

Advanced Fellowship Program in Mental Illness Research and Treatment

Description: A 2-year psychology research Postdoctoral fellowship position is anticipated to be available starting September of 2017. Potential areas of emphasis for this position include marital and family issues of combat veterans, integrated behavioral health/primary care, genetics/pharmacology, substance abuse, late-life mental health, sleep disorders, PTSD, and psychosocial factors in chronic illness (See **Faculty** below for a complete list of areas). The Fellowship operates within the VISN 4 Mental Illness Research, Education, and Clinical Center in the CPL Michael J Crescenz VA Medical Center (Philadelphia). The Fellowship entails 75% research and 25% clinical training. This is a research Fellowship and is not considered an accredited clinical residency by the Committee on Accreditation of the American Psychological Association. The goals of the Fellowship are to provide mentored experience in research design, publication of research reports, and grant writing, and supervised clinical training sufficient for license eligibility. A third year of training is available in some cases. The position includes an appointment in the Department of Psychiatry of the University of Pennsylvania.

Research interests and Faculty: Fellowship faculty members and their research interests are as follows: Wade Berrettini, M.D., Ph.D. (genetic and pharmacogenetics of behavioral disorders), Phillip Gehrman, Ph.D. (CBT of insomnia and nightmares in civilian and Veteran populations), Amy Helstrom, Ph.D. (health behavior change and behavioral interventions for chronic disease), Johanna Klaus, Ph.D. (behavioral health treatment in primary care), Henry Kranzler, M.D. (genetics and pharmacological treatment of alcohol and drug dependence), Shahrzad Mavandadi, Ph.D. (social relationships and physical and mental well-being), James McKay, Ph.D. (continuing care treatments for substance use disorders and adaptive treatment designs), David Oslin, M.D. (behavioral health treatment, treatment outcomes for addictive disorders, and pharmacogenetics of addiction treatment), Steven L. Sayers, Ph.D. (marital and family issues in mental and physical health outcomes), Cobb Scott, Ph.D. (Neuropsychology and neuroimaging in PTSD and alcohol/substance dependence, comorbidity of PTSD and addictive disorders), Jesse Suh, Psy.D. (treatment approaches and brain-behavioral vulnerability factors in comorbid conditions, neuroimaging), Michael Thase, M.D. (assessment and treatment of mood disorders), Daniel Weintraub, M.D. (psychiatric and cognitive complications of Parkinson's disease, Parkinson's treatment and related impulse control disorders). We are especially interested in candidates who will be able to apply their current content area interests to a measurement-based care, consistent with the theme of our Center (www.mirecc.va.gov/visn4/). This includes consideration of ongoing measurement to drive treatment decisions, biomarkers (e.g., genetic variants in treatment), patient treatment preferences, and decision aids for clinicians in mood and addictive disorders.

Requirements and Application process: Each applicant must be a graduate of an APA-accredited doctoral program in clinical or counseling psychology, have completed an APA-accredited internship and received the doctoral degree, and be a U.S. citizen. Review of applications will start **December 1, 2016**, with an application deadline of **January 1, 2017**. Send a letter detailing your research interests and career goals, CV, 3 letters of recommendation, and any representative reprints, manuscripts, or grant applications to Steven L. Sayers, Ph.D.,

Fellowship Director, at steven.sayers@va.gov (preferred), or to the following mailing address: Steven L. Sayers, Ph.D., MIRECC/116, Philadelphia VA Medical Center, 3900 Woodland Avenue, Philadelphia, PA, 19104. Inquiries can be made by email or by calling Dr. Sayers at [\(215\) 823-5196](tel:(215)823-5196). More information about the fellowship and the VISN 4 MIRECC can be found at <http://www.mirecc.va.gov/visn4/Education/fellowship3.asp>. The CPL Michael J Crescenz VA Medical Center (Philadelphia) in which our training program resides is an Equal Opportunity Employer; we are committed to ensuring a range of diversity among our training classes, and we strive to select candidates representing different kinds of programs and theoretical orientations, geographic areas, ages, racial and ethnic backgrounds, sexual orientations, disabilities, and life experiences.

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