

VISN 19 MIRECC SALT LAKE CITY POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP Fellowship Administration and Financial Assistance Policy

Fellowship Administration

The VA Advanced Fellowship Training Program in Mental Illness is administered by the Training Committee, which is chaired by the Director of Training. The VISN 19 MIRECC Psychology Postdoctoral Fellowship Training Director for the Salt Lake City site, Deborah Yurgelun-Todd, Ph.D., is a licensed psychologist who oversees all aspects of the training program including supervision and licensing requirements, the training process, recruitment and selection of Fellows, and administration. Dr. Yurgelun-Todd reports to the Salt Lake City VAMC Chief of Staff, Karen Gribben, M.D. The MIRECC consultation service is coordinated by a licensed psychiatrist, Dr. Melissa Lopez-Larson. Dr. Lopez-Larson is a member of the fellowship training program. Other members of the Training Committee include three psychologists, Drs. Erin McGlade, Thomas Mullin, and Jennifer Romesser and two psychiatrists, Drs. Douglas Gray and Perry Renshaw. Dr. Yurgelun-Todd, readily seeks input from the Training Committee regarding issues ranging from competencies to individual Fellow performance. Formal meetings of the MIRECC Training Committee facilitate such discussion. Administrative support is provided by Erumis Urena, the MIRECC's Administrative Officer.

Financial Assistance

VISN 19 Postdoctoral Fellows receive the following stipends: first year, \$42,239; and second year, \$44,522. Fellows accrue 13 days of annual leave and 13 days of sick leave each year (4 hours of annual and 4 hours of sick per pay period), and such leave can be requested throughout the Fellowship. Fellows also have 10 paid Federal holidays during the calendar year. Policies regarding leave accrual and use were established at the national level. The Fellowship Training Director, with input from the MIRECC Training Faculty, will approve Authorized Absence (leave that does not detract from annual leave hours) to encourage Fellows to attend educational and professional advancement seminars, conferences, and other meetings outside the VASLCHCS . Fellows receive FICA and comprehensive health benefits including dental, vision, and life insurance coverage. Professional liability coverage is provided as a part of the Federal Tort Claims Act.