# VISN 2 Center for Integrated Healthcare
# VA Advanced Fellowship Program in Mental Illness:
# VA Western NY Healthcare System
# Buffalo, New York

## Applications are Currently Being Accepted

Applications are currently being accepted for the VISN 2 Center for Integrated Healthcare (CIH) Postdoctoral Psychology Fellowship in Clinical Psychology located at the VA Western NY Healthcare System for a two-year position commencing in the summer of 2019. Training will follow a scientist-practitioner model, with programmatic emphasis on research and clinical training in Primary Care-Mental Health Integration (PC-MHI). Fellows will spend the majority of their time conducting clinical research. At minimum, 25% of their time will be protected for dedicated clinical rotations and clinical supervision.

The mission of the VISN 2 CIH's Postdoctoral Psychology Fellowship Program is to train psychologists to become outstanding clinical researchers and practitioners in the high priority area of Veterans' mental health care, specifically in the area of PC-MHI. The research and clinical focus of CIH is to improve the quality of health care of Veterans by supporting the implementation of empirically-based methods of PC-MHI. VISN 2 was the first VISN in the VA to ensure that a Behavioral Health Provider is assigned to every primary care clinic in the network, and the VA is now at the forefront of the development of Patient Aligned Care Teams (known outside the VA as the patient-centered medical home).

Postdoctoral fellows will work collaboratively with CIH mentors on research related to brief mental health interventions and assessment suited to the primary care setting. Numerous clinical and implementation science research opportunities are available. These include, but are not limited to, novel approaches to population-based mental health care related to depression in older adults, dementia, pain, PTSD, and substance use disorders. Fellows will also receive didactics and supervised clinical experience in the co-located, collaborative model of PC-MHI, with elective opportunities in the Geriatric Evaluation and Management Clinic. Clinical training is designed to develop a thorough understanding of the mental health needs of Veterans in primary care throughout the lifespan.

Additionally, fellows will be provided with national teleconference and web-based didactic training opportunities. Information regarding the Department of Veterans Affairs Mental Illness Research, Education, and Clinical Centers (MIRECC) Fellowship Program can be found at: http://www.mirecc.va.gov/mirecc_fellowship.asp

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| **Application Due Date:** | December 15 |
| **Notification Date:** | February 8 (24h grace period to hold offer) |
| **Start Date:** | Flexible, July 1 – October 1 |
| **Number of Post-Doctoral Positions:** | Up to 2 positions available |
| **Length of program:** | 2 years, with 3rd year extension possible |
| **Stipend:** | $47,624 (first year) – $50,199 (second year) |
| **Benefits:** | Health Insurance, 13 days paid vacation, and up to 13 days of sick leave per year |
| **Accreditation Status:** | APA-accredited |
| **Training Program Website:** | http://www.mirecc.va.gov/cih-visn2/fellowship2.asp |

**Eligibility Requirements:**

Prospective applicants must be U.S. Citizens, and have completed doctoral degree requirements from an APA, CPA, or PCSAS-accredited program in clinical or counseling psychology, and an APA, CPA, or PCSAS-accredited pre-doctoral psychology internship. Individuals from diverse backgrounds are encouraged to apply. Verification of citizenship, selective service status, and appropriate vaccinations is required prior to appointment by VA policy.

*CIH is committed to seeking and sustaining a culturally and ethnically diverse work environment. The U.S. Government does not discriminate in employment on the basis of race, color, religion, sex (including pregnancy and gender identity), national origin, political affiliation, sexual orientation, marital status, disability, genetic information, age, membership in an employee organization, retaliation, parental status, military service, or other non-merit factor.*

**To apply:**

Please submit applications through the APPACAS portal (program ID 164604). Complete applications must include:

1. Cover Letter/Letter of Intent. The letter should clearly describe how your career goals and interests are aligned with the fellowship training opportunities, and identify specific mentor(s) you would be interested in working with.
2. Detailed vitae describing background training and experience, description of internship, and other scholarly activity and research.
3. Two Writing Samples. Please include both a scholarly work sample and de-identified clinical case report.
4. Three letters of recommendation from previous supervisors. One letter must be from the Director of Training of your APA, CPA, or PCSAS-accredited pre-doctoral internship. Letters should be submitted by your supervisors on your behalf. Please do not submit more than three letters.
5. Official graduate transcript sent directly by your university. Unofficial transcripts are acceptable for upload in the application portal until official transcripts arrive at our offices (see mailing address below).

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