Advanced Psychology Fellowship in Mental Illness Research and Treatment
VA MIRECC VISN 2 NY / NJ Healthcare System
Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai

Overview: The Mental Illness Research, Education and Clinical Center (MIRECC) of the New York/New Jersey Veterans Healthcare Network is accepting applications from psychologists for a 2-year Post-Doctoral Advanced Fellowship Program in Mental Health Research and Treatment. The primary goal of the fellowship program is to train psychologists to become leading clinical recovery-oriented physician-scientists with a focus on serious mental illness in veterans. Our mission is to pursue a discovery-to-recovery approach for serious mental illness by determining causes, identifying predictors, and developing treatments that overcome barriers and enable recovery.

Program Description: The fellow’s primary appointment will be at the JJPVA Medical Center in the Bronx, NY, and the Fellow will also receive an appointment at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, New York, NY. The opportunities for training will reside in the research, clinical, and educational programs at the JJPVA of the MIRECC and the affiliate Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai in New York City, typically within the Department of Psychiatry.

The MIRECC research programs are internationally recognized in a broad range of research areas including cognitive neuroscience; neuropsychology; evidence-based psychosocial interventions (Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for Psychosis, Dialectical Behavior Therapy, Suicide Prevention); and implementation science. VA Fellowship sites are linked electronically for didactic, academic, and research efforts. The Director and the MIRECC faculty have a strong commitment to translational research that links basic science to clinical research and clinical research to services research. MIRECC Fellowship faculty members and their research interests can be found at https://www.mirecc.va.gov/visn2/ContactInfo.asp. Fellows’ mentorship can also include other faculty from the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai http://icahn.mssm.edu.

Our interdisciplinary program aims to train psychologists to become outstanding clinical researchers in high priority areas of mental health. Fellows devote the majority of their time to patient oriented research, education activities, and direct patient clinical care. Individualized, mentored research and clinical training is combined with a state-of-the-art curriculum that emphasizes research methods, statistics, epidemiology, mental health systems, quality improvement methods, education, and service delivery. In collaboration with their mentors, Fellows will develop and implement a research project, publish and present findings, participate in grant writing, and utilize the latest technology for educational activities and clinical service delivery.

Start Day: The start day is flexible. The fellowship will begin between July 1st and October 1st, 2020.

Stipend and Benefits: Salary and benefits are competitive. Our fellowship is an equal opportunity training program.

Eligibility: Applicants must be U.S. citizens, hold a doctorate from an APA accredited program in clinical or counseling psychology, and be enrolled in or have completed an APA accredited internship in clinical or counseling psychology. Doctoral requirements, including dissertation, must be completed before the start of fellowship.

Application Due Date: Applications are due December 1, 2019.

How to Apply: The program is using the APPA CAS (APPIC Psychology Postdoctoral Application) online system. For more information about the application process please go to http://www.appic.org/AAPI-APPA/APPA-Postdoc-Application-Information.

Applicants are asked to submit the following documents:
• A letter of interest that includes: (1) career goals and how these align with the mission of the VISN 2 MIRECC; (2) chosen primary research mentor and how the applicant’s education, research, and clinical experience aligns well with this mentor’s research program; **(3) the clinical and research skills that applicant would like to hone during Fellowship;
• A two-page proposal for the research project the applicant plans to pursue with the guidance of their chosen mentor;
• A current Curriculum Vitae;
• A signed letter of completion or expected completion from academic and internship/residency programs;
• Three letters of recommendation;
• Graduate School Transcripts.

**Please note that applications will only be considered when a specified mentor has been identified in the cover letter. A close working relationship with an identified mentor allows our Fellows to maximize their productivity and develop a successful career trajectory. Applicants are encouraged to consult with their chosen mentor early in the application process. Faculty bios can be found at: https://www.mirecc.va.gov/visn2/ContactInfo.asp

The VA VISN 2 MIRECC encourages applications from qualified candidates of all backgrounds including but not limited to ethnic and racial minorities, women, sexual minorities, and persons with disabilities.

Please feel free to contact the Fellowship Director, Dr. Yulia Landa with any additional questions at yulia.landa@mssm.edu.