



**VASDHS/UCSD Interprofessional Fellowship
Program in Psychosocial Rehabilitation &
Recovery Oriented Services ("PSR Fellowship")**



The VA San Diego Healthcare System (VASDHS) is seeking applicants for a 1-year postgraduate fellowship in psychosocial rehabilitation (PSR) and recovery-oriented services for Veterans with serious mental illness (SMI; primarily psychotic disorders). The fellowship offers a **major area of study in SMI** and provides advanced evidence-based PSR training to residents from clinical psychology, social work, and vocational rehabilitation, and potentially occupational therapy, nursing, and/or psychiatry (recruitment of these last 3 disciplines is TBD; contact training director below to inquire before applying). The fellowship has trained 50 residents over the past 13 years and earned the American Psychological Association Division 18 President's Excellence in Training Award for its SMI training in 2018. The fellowship is 40 hours per week for 1 full year and starts Aug. 31, 2021. Fellows receive a stipend (\$51,468 for postdoctoral psychology; \$36,167 for post-masters social work or voc rehab, \$41,216 for post-masters OT; \$36,785 for nursing, and equivalent to the salary of UCSD psychiatry residents for MD residents) plus health insurance benefits with co-pay.

The PSR Fellowship and VASDHS, in close affiliation with the University of California San Diego School of Medicine Department of Psychiatry, has a long history of integrated clinical, teaching and research programs for schizophrenia and other SMIs and comorbid conditions, including PTSD. Embedded in these integrated programs is an interdisciplinary PSR approach based on the recovery model. Our programs empower Veterans to develop personalized goals and choose from a menu of treatment opportunities, including inpatient and outpatient services, medication management, supported employment, psychoeducation, social skills training, cognitive behavioral therapy for psychosis, illness management classes, trauma therapy, dual diagnosis treatment, assessment, and access to vital community resources that support personal goal attainment through recovery coaching. Our goal is to improve community functioning and quality of life in veterans with SMI. Development, implementation, and dissemination of evidence-based PSR services through scholarly work and program evaluation are high priorities. Active partnership with consumers and community linkages is an important element of this work.

Training includes: 1) **Supervised clinical experiences** providing Veterans with integrated recovery-oriented PSR services on interprofessional treatment teams, primarily at our award-winning CARF-accredited outpatient Psychosocial Rehabilitation & Recovery Center (Center Of Recovery Education, CORE), as well as a mini-rotation on the inpatient psychiatry unit at VASDHS (approx. 65-80% of time); 2) **Didactics and training activities** (approx. 15%); and 3) **Research/dissemination activities** (up to 20% time toward the design and implementation of an Education Dissemination Project). Additionally, the program allows an opportunity for outreach and formal presentations and lectures to academic, medical, and community audiences. There may also be opportunities to participate in federally-funded research projects.

Qualifications: The following are required: 1a) **Psychology applicants:** completion of an APA-accredited doctorate in clinical or counseling psychology, which includes completion of one's dissertation (proof of completion of all requirements for the doctorate may be required, e.g., transcript showing completion or a letter from the Director of Training) and an APA-accredited internship in professional psychology; 1b) **Other applicants:** completion of a postgraduate degree (MSW, MA, MS, RN, MD, PhD); 2) US citizenship (as required by VA); and 3) Males born after December 31, 1959 must have registered for the draft by age 26 years (as required by VA). Desirable qualifications include a commitment to and some experience working with people with SMI, and career goals involving clinical, leadership, dissemination, and scholarly activities involving evidence-based practices in university-affiliated, VA or other medical center settings. Recruitment of individuals from diverse social and economic backgrounds and diverse cultural and demographic groups is a high priority.

Application: Please submit the following application materials: (1) a brief **statement of interest** (maximum 2 pages) in PSR for SMI/psychosis, (2) **CV or resume**, (3) **3 letters of reference**, preferably from clinical and research supervisors. The letter of interest should include: The position/emphasis area you are applying and why (applicable for psychology applicants who choose to apply to both the PSR Fellowship and other emphasis areas within the larger psychology postdoctoral program; see links below for more information), a brief summary of educational, clinical and research experiences relevant to PSR and any other areas of interest, a summary of your training needs and goals for the residency, and a statement of your career goals.

Psychology applicants should submit these materials via the APPA CAS portal at <http://www.appic.org/About-APPIC/Postdoctoral/APPA-Postdoc-Application-Information> by 11:59 pm EST on **December 1, 2020**. Applicants from other disciplines should email their materials to the Training Director, Dimitri Perivoliotis, Ph.D., at Dimitri.Perivoliotis@va.gov with the subject, "LAST NAME-DISCIPLINE (e.g., SW, VR, OT) PSR Fellowship Application" by **February 19, 2021**. Please attempt to send all documents as attachments in the fewest number of emails as possible. Letters of recommendation can be emailed by the candidate; they do not need to come from the reference directly. All interviews will be conducted virtually.

Additional information about the PSR Fellowship and our parent psychology postdoctoral training program can be found in a downloadable brochure here: http://www.sandiego.va.gov/careers/psychology_training.asp. Questions related to the program's accredited status should be directed to the Office of Program Consultation and Accreditation - American Psychological Association; 740 1st Street, NE, Washington, DC 20002; Phone: (202) 336-5979; Email: apaaccred@apa.org; Web: www.apa.org/ed/accreditation.