

Postdoctoral Residency Admissions, Support, & Initial Placement Data Tables

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Program Disclosures

Does the program or institution require students, trainees, and/or staff (faculty) to comply with specific policies or practices related to the institution's affiliation or purpose? Such policies or practices may include, but are not limited to, admissions, hiring, retention policies, and/or requirements for completion that express mission and values?	<div><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</div> <div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</div>
If yes, provide website link (or content from brochure) where this specific information is presented:	
N/A	

Postdoctoral Program Admissions

Briefly describe in narrative form important information to assist potential applicants in assessing their likely fit with your program. This description must be consistent with the program's policies on postdoctoral selection and practicum, internship, and academic preparation requirements:

The VA Palo Alto Health Care System provides training consistent with the scientist-practitioner model of psychology, and the postdoctoral training experience is organized accordingly. We are guided both by the original articulation of the Boulder Model (Raimy, 1950) and by the update of the scientist-practitioner model, as articulated at the Gainesville conference in 1991 and in the subsequent publication following that conference (Belar & Perry, 1992). Our training program is committed to excellence in scientific training and to using clinical science as the foundation for designing, implementing, and evaluating assessment and intervention procedures. The mission of the VAPAHCS Psychology Postdoctoral Training Program is to train psychologists who meet advanced general profession-wide competencies in psychology and can function effectively as professional psychologists in a broad range of multidisciplinary settings. Prior to beginning the postdoctoral experience, Fellows are expected to have attained a high level of accomplishment in generalist training. The primary aim of the postdoctoral program is for Fellows to develop the full range of professional skills required for independent functioning as a psychologist, including skills involved in science-practice integration; ethical and legal standards; individual and cultural diversity; professional values, attitudes, and behaviors; communication and interpersonal skills; assessment; intervention; supervision; and consultation and interprofessional skills.

Describe any other required minimum criteria used to screen applicants:

Our program fits best with postdoctoral fellows who have been trained as scientist-practitioners or clinical scientists at the graduate level, and have professional interests and internship experiences consistent with the focus area to which they are applying.

Financial and Other Benefit Support for Upcoming Training Year*

Annual Stipend/Salary for Full-time Fellows	\$63,883	
Annual Stipend/Salary for Half-time Fellows	N/A	
Program provides access to medical insurance for Fellow?	Yes	
If access to medical insurance is provided:		
Trainee contribution to cost required?	Yes	
Coverage of family member(s) available?	Yes	
Coverage of legally married partner available?	Yes	
Coverage of domestic partner available?		No
Hours of Annual Paid Personal Time Off (PTO and/or Vacation)	192	
Hours of Annual Paid Sick Leave	104	
In the event of medical conditions and/or family needs that require extended leave, does the program allow reasonable unpaid leave to fellows in excess of personal time off and sick leave?	Yes	
<p>Other Benefits (please describe): With satisfactory progress toward training goals, professional leave consistent with psychology staff may be approved for attendance at, and travel for, educational activities outside the medical center, including conferences, workshops, and professional meetings; relevant clinical research opportunities; job talks and interviews; and military leave. Up to \$1000 per year can be approved for reimbursement of conference attendance registration and other educational course fees. Basic life insurance, free parking, and available public transit subsidy benefit. For more details on VA benefits, see https://www.psychologytraining.va.gov/benefits.asp.</p>		

*Note. Programs are not required by the Commission on Accreditation to provide all benefits listed in this table

Initial Post-Fellowship Positions

	2020-2023	
Total # of fellows who were in the 3 cohorts	4 (Two trainees in 2020-2022 cohort)	
Total # of fellows who remain in training in the fellowship program	1	
	PD	EP
Academic teaching	0	0
Community mental health center	0	0
Consortium	0	0
University Counseling Center	0	0
Hospital/Medical Center	0	1
Veterans Affairs Health Care System	0	3
Psychiatric facility	0	0
Correctional facility	0	0
Health maintenance organization	0	0
School district/system	0	0
Other	0	0

Note: "PD" = Post-doctoral residency position; "EP" = Employed Position. Each individual represented in this table should be counted only one time. For former trainees working in more than one setting, select the setting that represents their primary position.