

**Department of
Veterans Affairs**

Memorandum

Date: May 27, 2016

From: Chief Academic Affiliations Officer (10A2D), VHA Central Office, Washington, DC

Subj: Opportunity to Apply for Phase V Mental Health Education Expansion Positions for Academic Year 2017-18

To: Director (00/Mental Health/Education Office)

1. The Office of Academic Affiliations (OAA) is pleased to announce Phase V of VA's Mental Health Education Expansion (MHEE) Initiative, providing the opportunity for facilities to apply for stipends for new and expanded training programs across six mental health professions: Clinical Pastoral Education, Licensed Professional Mental Health Counseling, Marriage and Family Therapy, Pharmacy, Psychology, and Social Work. As all MHEE positions are recurring, facilities that were awarded training positions in Phases I – IV from previous years should only submit an application for new position requests.
2. VA facilities demonstrating commitment to training in one or the above mental health professions being considered for funding may submit one application per Designated Education Officer. Each application may include a maximum of five programs (not to exceed two interprofessional programs and three profession-specific stand-alone programs).
3. The accompanying MHEE announcement provides background information and procedures for facilities wishing to submit applications for funded training positions. In addition, it describes the purposes and characteristics of each program (including application instructions and criteria for selection). A non-binding Letter of Intent is due to OAA by **June 29, 2016**. Completed applications are due to OAA by **July 27, 2016**. We anticipate notifications will be released to facilities by September 7, 2016, but this date is subject to change. Funding will begin between July 1 and October 1, 2017, depending on the training schedule of the selected facilities.
4. Should you have questions about this program announcement, please contact Stacy Pommer, LMSW, at Stacy.Pommer@va.gov or the Associated Health Education team (10A2D) at assoc.health@va.gov.



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