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**VASDHS/UCSD CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY
POSTDOCTORAL RESIDENCY PROGRAM**

The VASDHS/UCSD Clinical Psychology Postdoctoral Residency Program is accredited by the American Psychological Association as a postdoctoral residency program in clinical psychology. In close affiliation with the University of California, San Diego, Department of Psychiatry, the program offers 1-year positions in two tracks: Evidence Based Psychotherapy (EBP) and Psychosocial Rehabilitation (PSR).

In the **EBP Track**, five positions are available, one in each of the following emphasis areas: Anxiety and Trauma, Geropsychology and Home-Based Care, Mood Disorders and Suicidality, OEF/OIF/OND PTSD, and Family Mental Health. Residents complete a major rotation in the emphasis area and a minor rotation in primary care mental health integration. Residents learn to delivery evidence-based psychotherapies in a recovery model context, including developing personalized functioning goals and participating actively in treatment by choosing from a menu of treatment program and community service opportunities. Residents also will be prepared to help other mental health professionals to appreciate the value of evidence-based care and to train their colleagues to deliver such care.

In the **PSR Track**, two clinical psychology positions are available. Residents provide PSR services to veterans with psychotic disorders on primary and minor rotations in acute care (inpatient), outpatient and community-based programs at the Psychosocial Rehabilitation and Recovery Center. Using a Recovery Model, our programs empower veterans to develop personalized functioning goals and choose from a menu of treatment program opportunities, including medication management, vocational skills development/supportive employment, social skills training, cognitive behavioral therapy for psychosis, illness management and recovery, substance use/dual-diagnosis treatment, neuropsychological evaluation, and access to vital community resources that support personal goal attainment through assertive community treatment and case management.

Development, implementation, and dissemination of evidence-based practice through research/program evaluation are high priorities. The residency is primarily a clinical training program using a scientist practitioner model, and there are ample opportunities for both clinical and research experiences. Training is individualized to each resident's training needs and interests. For more information, go to: <http://psychiatry.ucsd.edu/trainingmanual081111.pdf>

Qualifications: U.S. citizenship and completion of an APA-accredited doctorate in clinical or counseling psychology and an APA-accredited clinical psychology internship by September 1, 2012 are required. Desirable qualifications include experience using evidence-based interventions with the populations served in one of the specific tracks/emphasis areas, and career goals involving clinical, research, leadership and dissemination activities involving evidence-based practices and the recovery model in university-affiliated VA or other medical center setting. Recruitment of men and women from diverse social and economic backgrounds and diverse cultural and demographic groups is a high priority. The stipend for all positions is \$45,950 plus benefits with co-pay.

Application: Please submit a letter of interest (*maximum 2 pages*), CV and 3 letters of recommendation (at least one from a clinical supervisor). The letter of interest should include: The track/emphasis area(s) you are applying and why, a brief summary of educational, clinical and research experiences relevant to the specific area(s) of interest, a summary of your training needs and goals for the fellowship, and a statement of your career goals. Materials should be submitted by email to vafellowship@ucsd.edu.

Applications must be received by January 15, 2012. Late applications will be considered only for positions that are not filled by applicants who applied by January 15. Applicants should be available for interview in late January through February.