

**Department of
Veterans Affairs**

Memorandum

Date: March 9, 2010

From: Chief Academic Affiliations Officer (14), VA Central Office, Washington, DC

Subj: Academic Year 2010-2011 Post-residency VA Special Fellowship Program in Psychiatric Research/Neurosciences (including Traumatic Brain Injuries and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorders)

To: See Addressees

1. Attached please find the Office of Academic Affiliations (OAA) program announcement about the post-residency VA Special Fellowship Program in Psychiatric Research/Neurosciences (including Traumatic Brain Injuries and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder) for Academic Year 2010-2011. This two-year fellowship offers post-residency research, educational, and clinical training to outstanding physicians with backgrounds in psychiatry, neurology, physical medicine and rehabilitation (PM&R), or other related specialties. Post-residency physicians who are not yet established investigators or academicians are eligible for the fellowship.
2. Unlike many VA Special Fellowships that require periodic site approval for participation, any VA facility can apply to sponsor an eligible applicant for this program without prior approval or selection from OAA. This program is intended to favor sites that submit excellent proposals but do not receive substantial funding for special fellowships in related areas.
3. The program announcement provides background information and procedures to be followed by an eligible physician and sponsoring VA facility applying for the fellowship program. In order to attract a well-qualified pool of applicants, please share this information with potential applicants. Applications are accepted on a 'rolling admissions basis,' but must be received by OAA (142) by close of business Wednesday, May 27, 2010, to be considered for work to begin on July 1, 2010. Applications for a start date other than that shall be considered, and must be specified in the application.
4. For questions about the program, please contact Stuart Gilman, MD, MPH, Director, Advanced Fellowships and Professional Development, OAA, by e-mail at stuart.gilman@va.gov or by phone at (562) 826-5323.

/s/

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Attachments

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