

# Health Services Research Postdoctoral Fellowship

Center for Innovation to Implementation (Ci2i)  
Veterans Affairs Palo Alto Health-Care System and Stanford University

## Eligibility

Applicants must be U.S. citizens who have completed an M.D. and accredited residency or a Ph.D. in a field relevant to health services research. The VA is an equal opportunity employer.

## Application Requirements

### *Professional statement*

Applicants should submit a brief statement (not to exceed one single-spaced page) of their research activities and career goals and objectives, how they can contribute to the objectives of the training program, and how the program can contribute to the applicant's professional development.

### *Demonstrated productivity*

Applicants should provide details on education, professional activities and relevant achievements. In addition, applicants are asked to supply two examples of their work.

### *Recommendations*

Three written letters describing the applicant's competence, an estimate of how the applicant's performance ranks in relation to that of their peers, and the likelihood of the applicant making a contribution to the field of Health Services Research.

### *Interview*

After an initial screening phase, top candidates will be interviewed.

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## Training Program

Fellows are offered an opportunity to combine didactic training in health services research with individualized, interdisciplinary research guided by a team of mentors and program faculty.

## Core Content

Fellows will acquire foundational training in (1) core health services research methods, (2) implementation sciences and systems redesign, and (3) research in collaboration with operational partners.

Fellows can pursue more advanced work through concentrations:

Concentration	Emphases
Health System Redesign/ Implementation Science	Organizational innovation for value production; implementation design and evaluation.
High-Value Health Care	Health economics; outcomes research; clinical decision making; health policy.

## Mentorship

Fellows will develop an individualized training plan through the guidance of a mentoring committee that will include a career mentor, faculty mentor(s) and implementation/operational partner mentor.

## Interdisciplinary Health Services Research

Research opportunities are oriented towards three thematic research goals, in which Ci2i and Stanford faculty have extensive expertise and resources.

- (1) *Fostering high value mental health care*, with emphasis in psychiatric and substance use disorders and their treatment.
- (2) *Fostering high value medical specialty care for chronic disease*, with emphasis in heart disease, cancer, complex comorbidities, geriatric disorders and interventions.
- (3) *Advancing methods to assess and improve value*, with focus in
  - Organization and delivery of services;
  - Diagnostic assessment, screening, and clinical decision making;
  - Health care evaluation methodology.