

Post-Doctoral Fellowship in Health Services Research

Where:

- Houston VA Health Services Research and Development Center of Excellence, **Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center**; and **Department of Medicine, Section of Health Services Research, Baylor College of Medicine.**

This two-year fellowship aims to develop independent investigators studying the process, outcomes, and quality of health services. The Program combines didactic and experiential training in health care research concepts and methodology. The successful Fellow will develop a research agenda and conduct a project under the direction of a mentoring team.

Research interests of the Center include:

- measuring the quality and outcomes of care
- clinical epidemiology
- health care decision making
- exploring racial disparities in health care
- analyzing utilization and costs
- incorporating patient preferences in treatment decisions
- implementing and translating innovative interventions; and
- health services research measurement issues.

The Center is comprised of 14 physician investigators and 12 Ph.D. investigators, representing the following disciplines: epidemiology, biostatistics, psychometrics, clinical psychology, industrial/organizational psychology, and economics. The Center is committed to quality training, and has a structured mentoring program that ensures all fellows receive intensive support and supervision in their efforts to develop as a researcher. Six of the recent past trainees in this program have full-time Baylor College of Medicine faculty appointments and have obtained independent funding from the National Institute of Health, Center for Disease Control, or Veterans Health Administration.

Who (eligible candidates):

- Doctoral degree in: economics, psychology, epidemiology, sociology, health policy, statistics, speech communications, anthropology, or other health services-related field.
- Must have completed the doctoral degree prior to entering the fellowship program.
- All candidates must be U.S. citizens

What: This is a Veterans Affairs funded fellowship program that targets the continuum of health care, from patient experience, to clinical practice and outcomes of care, to the development of health care policy. Fellows will participate in 1 of 4 scientific programs:

- Health Decision-Making and Communication
- Health Services Delivery and Organization
- Clinical Epidemiology and Outcomes
- Health Policy and Quality
- Formal mentored training program in health services research
- Educational seminars including “Foundations in Health Services Research”, “Research in Progress”, scientific program journal clubs, and statistical conferences
- Annual salary is \$54,000 and includes health insurance

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How: To apply, please provide the following documents:

1. Curriculum Vitae
2. Statement of research interests and career plans
3. Three letters of reference

Following review of these materials, selected applicants will participate in a one-day interview process that includes a presentation of their current research work. At such time, an official transcript, copy of the dissertation, and a writing sample (a publication or a manuscript in submission or preparation) will be requested.

Please send all information to: Education Coordinator, Houston VA Health Services Research and Development Center of Excellence, VAMC (152), 2002 Holcombe Blvd., Houston, TX 77021 or email to vhahouhsrdinfo@va.gov Phone: (713) 794-8601. Applications will be accepted on a continuing basis. To request more information, contact Dr. Paul Haidet, Director of Education, at the address above or email Haidet.Paul@med.va.gov.

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