



Post-Residency Fellowship Opportunities for Physicians Health Services Research and Development / U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs

The Center of Innovation on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (CINDRR) will provide content expertise, mentoring, and educational infrastructure in Gainesville, FL (affiliated with the University of Florida) and Tampa, FL (affiliated with the University of South Florida) for physicians interested in pursuing careers in VA health services research in rehabilitation. CINDRR is dedicated to conducting research that identifies, develops, and tests strategies for improving Veteran rehabilitation services across the continuum of care and providing long term support for Veterans with disabilities and their families, including issues related to access, utilization, cost, quality, and health outcomes. Focus areas include (1) Innovative rehabilitation through the use of technology and engagement among Veterans, families, clinicians and communities; (2) Rehabilitation Analytics Research and (3) Implementation Research.



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Eligibility: (1) Completed a residency program accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) or the Bureau of Professional Education (BPE) of the American Osteopathic Association. All recognized specialties are eligible. Candidates selected should demonstrate the ability and commitment to become leaders in the area of health services research and healthcare improvement. (2) Not be enrolled simultaneously in any accredited physician residency or fellowship program. (3) Have an active, unrestricted license to practice in the U.S. (4) Be appropriately board certified or eligible, with demonstration of active pursuit of board certification. (5) Be credentialed and privileged as a licensed independent practitioner at the local VA facility. (6) Be a U.S. citizen.

Funding: The stipend rate will be based on years of previously completed ACGME accredited residency training and equivalent experiences as determined by VA Office of Academic Affiliations and index rates approved at the affiliated university and the respective VA facility. Fellows are eligible to participate in the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program and the Federal Employees Group Life Insurance Program.

Application: Applicants are strongly encouraged to talk to Dr. Levy, Dr. Scott, or Dr. Powell-Cope before applying. The application includes:

1. Cover letter (3 pages or less) stating short and long term professional goals, research interests, and clinical or other pertinent background;
2. Curriculum vitae; and
3. Three letters of recommendation.

Selection and Selection Criteria: A selection committee will review applications based on credentials, experience, commitment to remain in the VA system, match between professional goals and CINDRR research focus, and strength of recommendations.