

RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITY WITH ELIZABETH DOLE NATIONAL CENTER FOR EXCELLENCE FOR VETERAN AND CAREGIVER RESEARCH



Training Program

The Veterans' Health Administration-funded Elizabeth Dole Center of Excellence for Veteran and Caregiver Research is seeking postdoctoral and post-residency fellows for a 2-year research fellowship in health services research focused informal caregiving, home and community-based care, long-term support services, and other aspects of aging in place.

Our Center is a one-of-a-kind national partnership of VA Medical Centers in: Palo Alto, CA; Salt Lake City, Utah; Miami, FL; and San Antonio, TX. The mission of our center is to ultimately allow Veterans to age in place. We expect to do this through the following:

- 1) understand the unmet community and caregiver needs of Veterans;
- 2) use data science to most effectively match services to Veteran and caregiver groups;
- 3) pilot innovative approaches to improving Veteran and caregiver outcomes;
- 4) apply implementation science to improve the deployment of best practices in home- and community-based care.

This fellowship seeks to train clinicians and postdoctoral scholars who will become leaders in health services research. As such, fellows will have an opportunity to collaborate with national and international leaders in health services research methods including implementation science, cost-effectiveness, community-based research, and technology-enabled interventions, as well as critical content areas of substance use disorders, chronic and serious illness management, and advancing health policy.

The program of study is flexible and accommodates a variety of career goals. The primary focus of the program is to provide research skills needed for a career in VA and/or academic medicine. Fellows will participate in local and national learning opportunities within the VA and have an opportunity to take courses.

Eligible fellows will have a doctoral degree in psychology, health policy, health services research, health economics, or other health-related fields. Physicians, nurse practitioners, and other doctoral degrees in medicine are also eligible. We especially encourage applications from individuals from minority groups, diverse backgrounds, and those who are differently abled. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. Eligibility may vary across sites.

Learn more about our Center of Excellence here: bit.ly/2S6UHAp

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Application Materials Due November 1

1. Updated Curriculum Vitae (confirming U.S. Citizenship)
2. Personal Statement (2 pages): Applicants should submit a statement of their research goals, objectives, how they can contribute to the objectives of the training program, a few potential mentors, and how the program can contribute to the applicant's professional development.
3. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Statement (up to 1 page): Content may include (but is not limited to) relevant research expertise, opportunities to advance DEI in your field, the impact of your research on DEI issues, and/or relevant personal experiences that have influenced professional goals.
4. Three Letters of Recommendation

For further information, please contact Fellowship Director Ranak B. Trivedi, PhD, at ranakt@stanford.edu or Ranak.Trivedi@va.gov.

TYPE OF FELLOWSHIP AND SITE	UNIQUE ELEMENTS OF TRAINING	ELIGIBILITY	ACADEMIC AFFILIATIONS	SITE CONTACT
Palo Alto VA Advanced Fellowship in Health Services Research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High value mental health care • High value medical, surgical specialty, and palliative/hospice care • High value care beyond the VA • Implementation Science • Qualitative and Quantitative Methods 	Doctorates in health-related fields (clinicians/non-clinicians)	Stanford University	Ranak Trivedi, PhD, MS Ranak.Trivedi@va.gov ; ranakt@stanford.edu
Salt Lake City VA Advanced Fellowship Program in Medical Informatics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application of Medical Informatics in VA Systems • Modernization of the VA electronic health record • Mixed/methods project management training 	Doctorates in health-related fields (clinicians/non-clinicians)	University of Utah School of Medicine	Mary Jo Pugh, PhD, RN MaryJo.Pugh2@va.gov ; MaryJo.Pugh@hsc.utah.edu Brian C. Sauer, PhD, MS Brian.Sauer@va.gov
Miami VA Advanced Fellowship in Geriatrics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research in aging and non-institutional care • Neurobiological, social, medical and cultural contributors to functional decline and frailty • Research in endocrine issues linked to geriatric syndromes in vulnerable older adults 	Clinicians with graduate training	Florida International University University of Miami School of Medicine	Stuti Dang, MD, MPH SDang@med.miami.edu ; Stuti.Dang@va.gov
San Antonio VA Advanced Fellowship in Geriatrics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aging & Geriatrics • Implementation Science • Health Services Research • Complexity Science 	Clinicians with graduate training	University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio	Polly Hitchcock Noel, PhD, MA Polly.Noel@va.gov ; noelp@uthscsa.edu Lauren Penney, PhD, MA Lauren.Penney@va.gov ; Penney@uthscsa.edu

COMMON REQUIREMENTS: U.S. Citizen; Physicians must have graduated from an ACGME or AOA accredited residency program).
VA Advanced Fellowships Program General Website: va.gov/OAA/Advanced_Fellowships/Explore_our_Fellowships.asp