VA MIRECC Postdoctoral Fellowship in Dementia Research

The San Francisco VA Health Care System is recruiting for a two-year postdoctoral advanced fellowship program in mental health research and treatment with a focus on dementia research. Areas of research include dementia, cognitive aging, and geriatric neuropsychiatry. The fellowship is associated with the Sierra Pacific Mental Illness Research Education and Clinical Center (MIRECC; VISN 21) and affiliated with the University of California, San Francisco. It is funded by the Office of Academic Affiliations (OAA), Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

The primary goal of the fellowship is to train psychologists, other allied health professionals, and MDs to become leading clinical researchers in the areas of dementia, cognitive aging, and geriatric neuropsychiatry. Over the course of the two-year program, fellows are trained in clinical research and clinical care service delivery. Fellows devote 75 percent of their time to research and educational activities, and 25 percent to clinical training.

Faculty mentors are affiliated with the SFVA Research and Mental Health services, the UCSF Departments of Psychiatry, Neurology, and Epidemiology & Biostatistics, the UCSF/SFVA Center for Population Brain Health (CPBH), and the Global Brain Health Institute. We are a multidisciplinary group of clinical researchers, dedicated to the advancement of brain health across the lifespan. Areas of emphasis include the study of populations to identify dementia risk factors, protective factors, and ways to optimize cognitive and emotional brain health in aging. The expertise of our faculty spans the fields of epidemiology, neurology, and psychiatry. Please see faculty webpages and the CPBH website for more details.

Core faculty members

- Kristine Yaffe, MD, fellowship director, board-certified psychiatrist and neurologist
- Deborah Barnes, PhD, epidemiologist
- Amy Byers, PhD, MPH, epidemiologist
- Raquel Gardner, MD, behavioral neurologist

Application information

To apply, please email the following to administrative assistant Tina Hoang (tina.hoang@va.gov):

1. Letter of interest detailing your research experience, interests, career goals, and proposed faculty mentor(s) from list above
2. CV
3. Three letters of recommendation
The application deadline is December 15, 2018. Applications submitted after that date may be considered until the position is filled.