



VA NATIONAL CENTER ON HOMELESSNESS AMONG VETERANS

Research-driven solutions to prevent and end homelessness

Recruiting for the next cohort of fellows starting 2026-2027! National Center on Homelessness among Veterans (NCHAV) Fellowship

Purpose:

The VA National Center on Homelessness among Veterans (NCHAV), in collaboration with the VA Office of Academic Affiliations (OAA), has created focused training experiences for health professionals interested in addressing homelessness and criminal justice involvement. These fellowship experiences seek to train and develop the next generation of researchers, change agents, administrators, and practitioners working with Veteran homelessness.

Background:

NCHAV was established in 2009 and codified in legislation in 2016 through Public Law 114-315, Sec. 713 to serve as a resource center for “all research and training activities...with respect to Veteran homelessness.”

In 1978, OAA began the VA Special Fellowships Program, which was renamed the VA Advanced Fellowship Program in 2007, to contribute to a talented, well-trained recruitment pool for VA and to foster an atmosphere of scientific inquiry and excellence within VA.

This fellowship program will integrate robust homeless experiences and training into existing VA Advanced Fellowship programs (see list under participating sites).

Who can apply?

- Clinicians or non-clinicians with a doctoral degree or who have completed all requirements toward a doctoral degree from an accredited institution.

Benefits:

- A formal connection with NCHAV and operational partners and be on the cutting-edge of the latest research, policy, and educational developments in Veteran homelessness under the guidance of at least one Center mentor.
- A cohort of fellows that you interact and collaborate with on Veteran homelessness, including NCHAV funded travel to meet in-person at the annual American Public Health Association Conference.
- A supplemented curriculum to the core Advanced Fellowship curriculum that includes unique opportunities to learn from experienced researchers, providers, and policymakers working on Veteran homelessness.
- Lead a project in coordination with NCHAV staff.

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Participating Sites:

Ann Arbor, MI

Core program: Advanced Fellowship in Geriatrics

Fellowship Director: Dr. Robert Hogikyan

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Bedford, MA

Core Program: HSR Center (CHOIR)

Fellowship Director: Dr. Stephanie Shimada

Point of Contact: Dr. Hong Yu Hong.Yu@uml.edu, Dr. Tom Byrne (tbyrne@bu.edu)

Bronx, NY

Core program: MIRECC

Fellowship Director: Dr. Chi Chan

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Dallas, TX

Core program: Interprofessional Addiction Fellowship.

Fellowship Director: Dr. James LePage

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Houston, TX

Core program: HSR/HPEER

GRECC Director: Dr. Kyler Godwin

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Providence, RI

Core program: HSR Center (THRIVE COIN)

Fellowship Director: Drs. Alicia Cohen and Jennifer Primack

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San Antonio, TX

Core program: GRECC

GRECC Director: Dr. Sara Espinoza

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Seattle, WA

Core program: Seattle-Denver COIN

Fellowship Director: Dr. John Fortnoy

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West Haven, CT

Core Program: HSR Center (PRIME Center)

Center Director: Dr. Lori Bastian

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