

## VA Advanced Postdoctoral Fellowship in Women's Health

The San Francisco VA Medical Center (SFVAMC)/University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) is seeking candidates for a two-year advanced postdoctoral fellowship in women's health. We are a team of researchers from diverse disciplines aiming to understand the unique challenges facing women veterans. Our research focuses on improving the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of relevant health issues.

The ideal fellowship candidate will have a demonstrated interest in women's health. The candidate will have opportunities to analyze pre-collected data and disseminate findings, design new research projects, and contribute to ongoing studies. Topics of study include:



- PTSD
- Psychophysiology
- Fear conditioning
- Psychoneuroendocrinology
- HPA/HPG axis in stress
- Psychoneuroimmunology
- Metabolomics
- Sex differences
- Infertility
- Ovarian aging/menopause
- Eating and nutrition
- Pain
- Sleep
- Osteoporosis
- Gender dysphoria
- Urinary incontinence
- Breast cancer

- Cardiovascular disease risk

## **Fellowship**

The Veterans Administration sponsors a two-year research fellowship in women's health. The overarching goal of the fellowship is to provide focused, structured, mentored research training for individuals across diverse disciplines who are committed to becoming leaders in investigating health issues of women and to pursuing a career in women's health.

## **Curriculum**

The fellows will conduct research and writing projects under the supervision of senior faculty. Access to didactic courses, experiential training and multidisciplinary research mentoring will be provided. Fellows will devote up to 25 percent time to direct clinical care in the SFVAMC Women Veterans' Comprehensive Health Center.

## **Community**

The San Francisco VA Health Care System is affiliated with UCSF, one of the top ranked medical schools in the country. In addition to its broader commitment to the veteran population and education, SFVAHCS has the largest funded research program in the Veterans Health Administration with more than \$87 million in annual research expenditures. The San Francisco VA Medical Center is the top-ranked VA medical center in terms of research grants.

## **Core faculty**

- Karla Kerlikowske, MD <sup>[1]</sup>, director
- Sabra Inslicht, PhD <sup>[2]</sup>, co-director
- Vanessa Jacoby, MD <sup>[3]</sup>, co-director
- Amy Byers, MD, MPH <sup>[4]</sup>
- Beth Cohen, MD, MA <sup>[5]</sup>
- Carolyn Gibson, PhD <sup>[6]</sup>
- Shira Maguen, PhD <sup>[7]</sup>
- Thomas Neylan, MD <sup>[8]</sup>
- Aoife O'Donovan, PhD <sup>[9]</sup>
- Anne Richards, MD, MPH <sup>[10]</sup>
- Karen Seal, MD <sup>[11]</sup>
- Irina Strigo, PhD <sup>[12]</sup>
- Anne Schafer, MD <sup>[13]</sup>

## **Requirements**

Applicants must have a medical degree (MD) or doctorate of philosophy (PhD). MD applicants must have completed an approved residency. For psychology PhD applicants, an APA-accredited doctorate in clinical or counseling psychology and APA-accredited internship is required. All requirements for the doctoral degree must be completed prior to the start of the fellowship year. U.S. citizenship is required.

## Deadline

Applications are now being accepted for the 2021-2022 academic year. Application review will start **December 15, 2020**, and continue until the position is filled.

## To apply

Interested psychologists, MDs, and allied health professionals who meet the eligibility requirements should submit the following:

1. A letter of interest detailing the applicant's research experience, interests, and career goals, and proposed faculty mentor(s) from the list above
2. A curriculum vita
3. Three letters of recommendation (at least two from current or recent research mentors)

Please include items #1 and #2 in a combined PDF. Letters should be emailed directly by recommenders to [sabra.inslicht@ucsf.edu](mailto:sabra.inslicht@ucsf.edu) [14].

Please direct application materials or questions to:

- **Psychology PhD applicants:** Sabra Inslicht, PhD, [sabra.inslicht@ucsf.edu](mailto:sabra.inslicht@ucsf.edu) [15]
- **MD and other allied health applicants:** Karla Kerlikowske, MD, [karla.kerlikowske@ucsf.edu](mailto:karla.kerlikowske@ucsf.edu) [16]

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