



Dear Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in postdoctoral clinical training in Psychology at Hines VA Hospital. We believe our internship program, which has trained interns for 55 years and has been APA-Accredited since 1976, is one of the finest available. Hines VA was approved to offer postdoctoral training in clinical and counseling psychology beginning September 2008. We offer one postdoctoral fellowship position in each of the following four areas: Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and Substance Abuse, Primary Care, Rehabilitation Psychology and Neuropsychology. The Neuropsychology fellowship extends over a two-year training period, reflecting national standards for that field. The other three fellowship positions are for one year. Because the Neuropsychology fellowship is a two-year appointment, we are not recruiting for that position for the 2009-2010 training year. The postdoctoral fellowship program is designed to meet the Guidelines and Principles for Accreditation of Programs in Professional Psychology, reflecting our program's intent to apply for accreditation by the American Psychological Association within two years. Our Brochure details the program's philosophy, training model, programmatic structure and training opportunities. Our large and growing Psychology Department enthusiastically welcomes your application and the possibility of providing you postdoctoral training.

Training occurs within a very warm and nurturing environment that is conducive to fellows' professional growth and to their development of an identity as a clinical or counseling psychologist. Our program is learning – and training-based, as opposed to production-based. Service delivery is subsumed under the fellows' training needs and interests. Fellows follow a somewhat flexible rotational training schedule within their area of Special Emphasis, focusing on their training needs and interests. Our staff is

dedicated to training and to mentoring fellows, and intensive supervision and education are program priorities.

Reflecting our philosophy, we attempt to form a class each year that is characterized by geographic and individual diversity. We strongly believe that a mix of students from various universities and demographic backgrounds makes for a rich training experience.

Our Brochure is available on our web site and provides you comprehensive information about our program. The Brochure is 80 pages long, so if you would prefer one mailed to you rather than printing one out yourself, feel free to email me at bernie.sladen@va.gov. I will be happy to mail you a copy.

The complete application package must be received on or before January 19, 2009. (Please refer to the sheet on our webpage titled "Fellowship Applications"). Applicants will be notified by January 31 that they are selected, or not selected, for an interview.

Out-of-town applicants may want to apply early in the event that special travel arrangements must be made for February interviews. Again, please refer to the sheet on our webpage titled "Fellowship Applications".

We anticipate additional hiring within Psychology during the upcoming year. This may result in various supervisory and rotational enhancements for the class of 2009-10. I will provide updated information regarding these positive changes to applicants we interview in February.

We look forward to your application and to the possibility of meeting you this winter.

Sincerely,

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bernard J. Sladen, Ph.D.".

BERNARD J. SLADEN, Ph.D.
Psychology Training Director

