

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

American Psychiatric Association/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

Substance Abuse Fellowship

The Substance Abuse Fellowship is part of the Minority Fellowships Program - funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).

Because substance abuse is one of the most devastating health and social issues confronting America currently, SAMHSA's Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT) and the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP) have provided funding specifically addressing substance abuse treatment. Substance use disorders constitute a major public health problem, costing our society in excess of \$300 billion annually. The negative influence of substance abuse has a greater cost to people in minority communities.

ELIGIBILITY

Psychiatric residents must be **APA members** (in at least their PGY-5 of training by July 2009) who are in a substance abuse training program approved by the affiliated medical school or agency where a significant number of substance abuse patients are from minority and underserved groups. An applicant must be a citizen or a permanent resident at the time of appointment (in the latter case, one must submit, by 7/1/09, a notarized statement indicating possession of the alien registration receipt card, I-151 or I-551). Federal employees are ineligible.

Applicants must submit three letters of reference, curriculum vitae, and an essay outlining career goals, along with a completed application form.

SELECTION

Fellows are selected on the basis of their commitment to serve underrepresented populations, their demonstrated leadership abilities, and their interest in the interrelationship between mental health/illness and transcultural factors. Our Selection Advisory Committee will review all applications. In May, applicants will be informed of the committee's decision.

SUPPORT

This fellowship (subject to the availability of funds) provides monthly stipends for twelve months. It also covers transportation, lodging, meals, and incidentals in connection with the trainee's attendance at program-related activities. This fellowship is used as an effective means for getting trained mental health professionals to work in the public mental health system.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Applications and supporting material must be received by January 31, 2009.

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