



APA-IUPSYS GLOBAL HEALTH FELLOWSHIP

A New Opportunity to Work within the World Health Organization

The American Psychological Association and the International Union of Psychological Science invite applications for the APA-IUPsyS Global Health Fellowship.

Description

The APA-IUPsyS Global Health Fellowship provides a unique opportunity for a psychologist to contribute to the work of World Health Organization (WHO), in the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse (MSD) for a period of one year. The Fellow will focus on one or more issues related to the WHO Mental Health Action Plan.

The Fellowship intends to:

- Provide psychologists with exposure to and involvement with international global mental health policy and implementation
- Contribute to the more effective use of psychological knowledge and research in global mental health policy and implementation

The overall goal of the WHO Mental Health Action Plan is “to promote mental well-being, prevent mental disorders, provide care, enhance recovery, promote human rights and reduce the mortality, morbidity and disability for persons with mental disorders.”

In this context, the focus of the Fellow’s activities will be on supporting research and programme activities that address one or more of the following WHO MSD programme priorities, such as:

- Mental health Gap Action Programme (mhGAP) tools and their implementation
- Scalable psychological interventions
- Psychosocial responses to conflict and other emergencies
- E-mental health
- Public health response to dementia
- Early childhood development
- Maternal mental health
- Suicide prevention

Working arrangements

After selection, the Fellow’s specific activities will be specified in a Work Plan, developed in discussion

with the WHO Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse, APA and IUPsyS. Appointment of the Fellow will be subject to approval by WHO.

The Fellowship carries a stipend of \$22,000 for a 12 month fellowship period. It is anticipated that the work to be done under the auspices of the Fellowship will be conducted primarily at the Fellow's home institution, following a preliminary brief orientation period at WHO in Geneva. There will likely also be one or two additional brief periods in Geneva or elsewhere in the world, if needed. Upon selection, and after approval from WHO, the Fellow will be engaged under a contract that specifies the work plan (approved by WHO), time line, stipend, and expense allowances. Funds up to \$8000 will be provided for travel related to the work plan.

Eligibility

Psychologists at all career levels, with demonstrated research experience and leadership in at least one of the areas indicated above are encouraged to apply. Applicants must be APA members or have applied for APA membership at the time of application, and hold a doctoral degree from a recognized programme in a clinical area of psychology. Applicants may be based in any country. The Fellowship year is anticipated to begin around September 2017.

Applications will be reviewed by a selection committee composed of representatives from APA and IUPsyS.

Application Process

The application deadline is 30 April 2017, midnight EST. Applications should include the following:

- Cover letter outlining the applicant's experience, expertise, and interest as they relate to the goals of the program.
- Curriculum Vita
- Documentation that the Fellow can commit sufficient time and resources to fulfill the Work Plan during the fellowship year. It is anticipated that Work Plan activities will require a minimum of 20% -30% professional time (FTE) to complete agreed on deliverables.
This documentation will typically include: A statement from the applicant's home institution confirming employment during the Fellowship year and support for Fellowship year activities, including recognition of time needed for research and program work as well as travel to Geneva for orientation and to Geneva or elsewhere for tasks specified in the Work Plan.
- Three letters of recommendation. Referees should be asked to address the applicant's goodness of fit with the goals of the program, with reference to clinical and research expertise, experience, and personal suitability for international work.

Applications must be submitted electronically. They should be sent as a single PDF file with the filename LASTNAME-APA-IUPsyS to the following email: international@apa.org with the subject header APA-IUPsyS Global Health Fellowship Application.

Notification

Applicants will be notified of the Fellowship decision by 30 June 2017.

About APA: The American Psychological Association is the largest scientific and professional organization representing psychology in the United States. APA's mission is to advance the creation, communication and application of psychological knowledge to benefit society and improve people's lives

About IUPsyS: The International Union of Psychological Science (IUPsyS) works to promote the development, representation and advancement of psychology as a basic and applied science nationally, regionally, and internationally. The main activities of the IUPsyS, in collaboration with its 87 National Members and 24 Affiliate organizations, focus on fostering the development of the science and practice of psychology.