

Department of Veterans Affairs VISN 17 Center of Excellence for Research on Returning War



Veterans (CoE) Waco, TX

Plan on Applying to Graduate School?

Looking for Research Experience?



Interested in PTSD, depression, TBI, suicide, and/or substance abuse disorder research with Veterans?

The CoE is now accepting applications for a <u>2-semester</u> (required minimum) undergraduate research program which begins the with the fall semester. The purpose of this training program is to provide current Baylor University undergraduate students with practical research experience in mental health and neuroscience research, specifically focused on a Veteran population.

Current studies at the CoE focus on Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, traumatic brain injury, substance use disorders, suicide and trajectories of functioning over time.

Students will have the opportunity to be trained in several aspects of research including (but not limited to):

- Data entry
- Data management
- Screening participants for eligibility into current research studies
- Literature searches
- Reviewing article
- Coordination of research materials
- · Participating in weekly staff meetings
- Experience using SPSS (Statistical Package for the Social Sciences) and Microsoft Excel

Interested students can gain mentorship in:

- · Creating curriculum vitas
- Writing personal statements
- Developing an area of interest for further independent study.

Motivated and committed research assistants may be invited to participate in the dissemination of research through presentations at local and national conferences or publication in professional journals.

For more information please go to: http://www.baylor.edu/prehealth/index.php? id=93416

Opportunities for an early summer start may be available for a select few highly motivated students.



Requirements for the Veterans Affairs Center of Excellence Research Program

- Currently a Sophomore or Junior (Junior or Senior during the program)
- Overall GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Interest in research
- Completed or enrolled in the following courses:
 o Research Methods (PSY 2405) and Statistics (PSY 2402) or equivalent OR
 o Intro. Statistical Methods (STA 2381), Mathematical Statistics I (STA 4385)
 - Strongly recommended course: Comp. Methods in Statistics (STA 3381)
- Able and willing to make a 10 hour/week commitment for 2 semesters
 For more information, please email Dr. Lianna Evans (Lianna Evans@va.gov)
 (Please include your name and phone number where you can be reached)