

Minneapolis-St. Paul, Cities of Lakes

The Minneapolis-St. Paul area has long been noted for its high quality of life. Fortune magazine annually ranks the Twin Cities among the top four places in the nation to balance business and family.

The metropolitan area has a population of approximately two million people and offers a full range of cultural activities, including theatres, museums, fine restaurants, colleges, universities, and numerous professional sports teams.

Whatever your interests, from fine dining and world-class theatre to four season outdoor activities or peaceful wilderness retreats, there is something here for everyone.



Downtown Minneapolis

Veterans Health Administration and Minneapolis VA Medical Center

The Veterans Health Administration is a comprehensive healthcare system for the nation's veterans and the largest managed care system in the United States. VHA researchers are eligible to compete for intramural research program funding to address VA health care priorities. The Minneapolis VA Medical Center is a large teaching hospital with 237 acute care diagnostic and treatment beds, as well as a 104 bed extended care unit. The medical center provides primary, specialty, mental and behavioral health, extended care, and rehabilitative care to over 45,000 veteran patients. It has one of the largest education and training programs in the VA system and is affiliated with the University of Minnesota Schools of Medicine and Dentistry. Annually, approximately 1,000 students, residents and 1,500 other trainees are involved in education and training programs at the facility.



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Minneapolis Veterans Affairs
Center for Chronic Disease
Outcomes Research



Center for Chronic Disease
Outcomes Research, a VA Health
Services Research Center
of Excellence

Fellowship Training Program

The Center for Chronic Disease Outcomes Research (CCDOR) at the Minneapolis VA Medical Center offers a one year fellowship for Ph.D.-level researchers who are interested in specialized advanced training in health services research. Twelve month renewals are possible and encouraged. Fellows can expect to have an intensive, well-supported experience while working with VA and University of Minnesota School of Public Health affiliated faculty. The fellowship is designed to help researchers who have a diverse set of skills to integrate their background with health services research content and methods in order to meet their career goals and program objectives. Under the guidance of mentors and the fellowship program director, each fellow will develop a tailored, individualized program intended to advance their skills and special strengths. Programs are organized around five major activities: formal training in health services research methods; a mentored research experience through ongoing research projects; participation in CCDOR-sponsored seminars; development of independent research proposals; and preparation of articles for submission to peer-reviewed journals. Participation in national conferences is strongly encouraged and funding is available.

Description of CCDOR

CCDOR is an interdisciplinary community of professionals conducting methodologically rigorous research intended primarily to improve the health care of veterans. The Center is a vibrant and growing organization, with 21 MD and PhD investigators,

40 research and administrative employees, and more than 50 externally funded projects and an annual budget of over \$10.5 million.

PhD investigators include social scientists, health economists, and biostatisticians. CCDOR and its investigators are affiliated with the University of Minnesota Medical School, School of Public Health, the Comprehensive Cancer Center and the Clinical Outcomes Research Center.

CCDOR's research covers a broad range of content areas and employs a variety of research methodologies.

Primary focus areas include quality of care and translation of best practice to current practice, disadvantaged and stigmatized populations, and chronic disease.

Content areas include preventive cardiology, smoking cessation, vaccine preventable disease, cancer detection and prevention (lung, prostate and colon cancer), abdominal aortic aneurysm, urological disease, osteoporosis, effects of trauma on health, patient self management, chronic pain treatment, quality of care, race/ethnicity disparities in care, provider behavior, provider-patient interaction, and health literacy.



Minneapolis VA Medical Center

Methodologies include clinical trials, observational epidemiology, systematic reviews and meta-analyses, surveys, qualitative and quantitative interviews, intervention research including evaluation of translation interventions, and database and economic analyses.

Eligibility and Benefits

Qualified candidates must hold a doctoral degree, preferably in public health, allied health, the social sciences, or a closely-related field. Candidates must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents of the U.S.

Fellowships begin in October each year. The application deadline is May 15. After applications are reviewed, the top candidates will be interviewed by telephone, and when possible, in person. Offers for fellowship positions will be made in mid-summer.

The fellowship includes a competitive stipend (\$37,000 in 2003) with federal benefits.

To Apply

Send a cover letter stating interests and goals for the fellowship, curriculum vita, two letters of recommendation, and a writing sample to:

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