

CAPIC-mhsa Psychology Internship Stipend Program

OVERVIEW. CAPIC has received a 3-year grant from the California Department of Mental Health to administer a stipend program to psychology interns training in publicly funded mental health agencies in California. This program is funded by the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA, or Prop 63). Students in professional psychology programs who expect to graduate at the conclusion of their internship in a publicly supported mental health agency are invited to apply for these awards, which are up to \$20,750 for a person completing a fulltime internship, and half that for a person in a halftime internship. These stipends are *IN ADDITION TO* whatever stipend the agency provides.

These stipends also carry the obligation to work for one year in a publicly funded mental health agency in California following graduation (half that time for a halftime stipend). Students who receive a stipend and do not honor this commitment will be obliged to pay the entire stipend back to the State of California. Participating in this stipend program also requires stipend recipients to complete up to 16 online learning modules within the year of their internship.

CAPIC will maintain an up-to-date job bank of open psychologist positions in publicly supported California mental health agencies and will actively assist stipend recipients in their job search. Students who work closely with CAPIC to locate a qualifying post graduation site for their payback obligation (either an organized postdoctoral training program or a job that provides clinical supervision) and find themselves unable to get such a position within the state of California, CAPIC will be able to provide documentation of the stipendee's efforts and provide the stipendee with information on how to request a waiver of the required payback from the CA/DMH.

CA-DMH hopes by this stipend program to identify and support students who are dedicated to serving clients of the publicly funded mental health system in California, and who reflect the racial, ethnic, cultural, language, and other sorts of diversity that our state proudly includes.

APPLICATION PROCESS. Students interested in learning more about this funding program can read documents on the CAPIC website (www.capic.net) and consult with their doctoral program director for more information. Students who wish to apply for a CAPIC/MHSA stipend will complete and submit the online application form to CAPIC. After each student's DCT certifies that the student is academically eligible for this program, CAPIC will evaluate the application.

STIPEND SELECTION. Stipend recipients are selected through a defined protocol that is available on the CAPIC website (www.capic.net). The protocol requires blind rating of the complete application.

Program Summary

- ◆ Goals: Increase the number of psychologists who are: dedicated to serving clients of the public mental health system; skilled in providing quality care to these clients; and who reflect the diversity of California.
- ◆ Students currently doing internships in publicly supported agencies may apply.
- ◆ Students who receive stipends must expect to complete their doctoral degree at the conclusion of their internship.
- ◆ Following graduation stipend recipients must complete a fulltime or a part time year of work in a publically supported mental health facility in California. (Those receiving full stipends complete a FT year; those receiving a half stipend complete a HT year, or six months working FT.)
- ◆ CAPIC will document student job search efforts conducted with the help of CAPIC staff and job search site. Should the student/stipendee not succeed in locating a payback position, CAPIC will provide the stipendee with information on how to request a waiver of the required payback from the CA/DMH, and documentation of the student's extensive search efforts through CAPIC.

Application Summary

- ◆ Confirm that you will graduate at the end of your internship.
- ◆ Confirm that the agency you are doing your internship in receives some funding from the CA/Department of Mental Health.
- ◆ Confirm that you are willing to work for 1 year fulltime (if you receive a full stipend) or 6 months halftime (if you receive a half stipend) in a publicly funded mental health agency in California immediately following receipt of the doctoral degree.
- ◆ Complete the online application form and submit it to CAPIC.
- ◆ CAPIC will contact your graduate program director to confirm that you have the support of your program to apply for this stipend.