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CAPIC Awarded \$900,000 MHSA Stipend Program Contract for Clinical Psychology Interns

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The California Psychology Internship Council (CAPIC) has been awarded a \$900,000 contract by the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD) to administer its Educational Stipend Program for Clinical Psychologists. This five-year contract will start on July 1, 2016, and is funded by the California Mental Health Services Act (MHSA)/CA Prop 63.

Under this MHSA contract, CAPIC will distribute thirty-two (32) Full-Time (\$20,772) MHSA stipends awards (16 stipends per year for two years) to doctoral level clinical psychology students who are committed to serving in the publicly funded mental health system in California.

CAPIC will use its existing organizational infrastructure, as well as its existing MHSA stipend program infrastructure, as foundations for successfully administering the core aspects of ensuring stipend awardees provide two years of service (one year doctoral and one postdoctoral) at publicly funded mental health sites in California, and providing online training on the wellness, recovery and resiliency focused approach endorsed by public mental health.

CAPIC will also address updated OSHPD/MHSA objectives, such as expanding services to counties with a historical lack of representation, reaching out to mental health consumers as providers, collaborating with county public health agencies and related partners, and related goals to better address workforce needs.

To be eligible for a CAPIC/MHSA stipend, students must already be at a qualified internship program at the time of their application (Spring 2017) and must be committed to serving at a qualified postdoc program after graduation. In brief, a qualified program is one which receives mental health funding from a California county. Students must be from a regionally-accredited (or APA-accredited) doctoral academic program in California, but need not be a CAPIC doctoral academic program. Similarly, the internship or postdoc must be in California but does not have to be a CAPIC program. This is just a brief summary and more specifics on eligibility, qualified programs, program obligations and related details will be disseminated in the Fall of 2016 and posted on [our website](#).

CAPIC will begin promoting this new stipend program in the Fall of 2016, with the online application process opening in January, 2017. Announcement of awards of its first round of sixteen stipends will be made in the late Spring of 2017, with the first stipend funds then being distributed to awardees that Summer.

These MHSA contracts translate into more service to underserved communities and more training for the next generation of psychologists to better address CA's public health needs! Stay tuned for more details.

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