

Post-doctoral Position in Quantitative Methods and Traumatic Stress

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The VA National Center for PTSD, Behavioral Science Division, at the VA Boston Healthcare System and Boston University School of Medicine, seeks a post-doctoral fellow with a background in Quantitative Methods. The National Center for PTSD is a multi-site consortium within the Department of Veterans Affairs, mandated by Congress to study traumatic stress and its consequences. The Behavioral Science Division, located in Boston, anticipates this staff position with duties beginning fall 2009.

The post-doctoral fellow will be involved with a prospective 4-wave longitudinal study, examining the biopsychosocial determinants of risk and resilience for combat-related PTSD among Marines recently deployed to Operation Iraqi Freedom in Iraq or Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan.

The study is made up of three parallel projects focusing on psychosocial, psycho-physiological, and biophysiological risk and resilience factors. Project 1, supervised by Drs. Brett Litz and Jennifer Vasterling, will be based in Boston and will identify trajectories of Marines' adaptation to various operational deprivations, demands, and traumatic experiences, while monitoring PTSD symptom severity and associated impairment in functional capacities.

The primary role of the post-doctoral fellow will be to assist Drs. Litz and Vasterling in all aspects of data handling and analysis for Project 1. The post-doctoral fellow will take part in bi-weekly teleconferences with study staff, coordinate data download, as well as participate in report and manuscript writing.

Requirements:

A Ph.D. in a field that emphasizes quantitative research methods with demonstrated research and analytic skills pertaining to the analysis of longitudinal data (e.g., growth-curve modeling).

How to Apply:

Submit a curriculum vitae and a cover letter and arrange for 3 letters of reference to Brett Litz, Ph.D., National Center for PTSD (116B-4), VA Boston Healthcare System, 150 S. Huntington Ave., Boston, MA 02130-4817, brett.litz@va.gov