



VA Advanced Fellowship in

# Women's Health

Become a Leader in Women's Health

# WANT TO BECOME A LEADER IN WOMEN'S HEALTH?



## Consider the VA Advanced Fellowship in Women's Health

The VA Advanced Fellowship in Women's Health (VA AFWH) provides two years of post-residency or post-doctoral research, education, and clinical learning opportunities in women's health to eligible physicians and associated health professionals. Fellows spend approximately 75 percent of their time in research and education and 25 percent in clinical care. Faculty mentorship and individualized learning plans are provided at all site locations.

### Tilstra et.al described the career outcomes of AFWH fellows:

- **76%** of graduates practice clinical women's health
- **88%** received grant funding
- **79%** published in peer review journals
- **64%** developed or evaluated curricula
- **51%** received awards for teaching or research
- **49%** held major leadership positions including associate dean, associate department chair, division chief, section chief, associate chief medical officer and clinical medical director.

## VA AFWH Fellowship Locations

There are eight VA AFWH program sites across the United States. Each site offers the very best advanced training opportunities for clinicians in women's health research, education and clinical care. Two fellows, a physician and an associated health professional, are accommodated at each site, each year. The different sites offer unique fellowship experiences due to the varying activities, affiliations, clinical opportunities, research projects, program staff and mentors available and embedded in the site. For site-specific information visit [womenshealth.va.gov/fellowship](http://womenshealth.va.gov/fellowship), email [WHFellowship@va.gov](mailto:WHFellowship@va.gov) to reach the VA AFWH National Coordinating Center, or contact the program director for the site(s) that interest you.



### Boston, MA

VA Boston Healthcare System  
Jamaica Planes, MA



### Los Angeles, CA

VA Greater LA Healthcare System  
Sepulveda, CA



### Madison, WI

Wm S. Middleton Mem. VA Hospital  
Madison, WI



### Milwaukee, WI

C.J. Zablocki VA Medical Center  
Milwaukee, WI



### Pittsburgh, PA

VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System  
Pittsburgh, PA



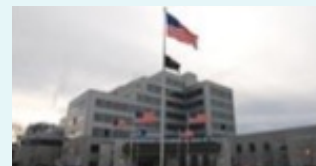
### San Diego, CA

VA San Diego Healthcare System  
San Diego, CA



### San Francisco, CA

San Francisco VA Medical Center  
San Francisco, CA



### West Haven, CT

VA Connecticut Healthcare System  
West Haven, CT



Women Veterans Health Care

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# A UNIQUE TRAINING TO SERVE WOMEN VETERANS



## Purpose of the Advanced Women's Health Fellowship

VA strives to be a national leader in the provision of health care for women, thereby raising the standard of care for all women. Created in 1994, the goal of the VA Advanced Fellowship in Women's Health (VA AFWH) is to train physicians and associated health professionals in clinical care, scholarship, practice, education, and system improvements related to the advancement of health care for women and women Veterans.

## Frequently Asked Questions:

### Q: Where could I live?

**A:** The VA Advanced Fellowship in Women's Health provides two years of post-residency or post-doctoral research, education, and clinical learning opportunities in one of the following eight locations: Boston, MA; Madison, WI; Milwaukee, WI; Pittsburgh, PA; San Diego, CA; San Francisco, CA; Los Angeles, CA; and West Haven, CT.

### Q: Is this a remote fellowship?

**A:** The VA Advanced Fellowship in Women's Health is an in-person fellowship, requiring fellows to be located within commuting distance of your VA fellowship site. Due to the support system that has been designed for mentorship, research, and clinical support for this program, the current eight sites are the only VA medical centers hosting the fellowship.

### Q: What is the pay?

**A:** Fellows are considered VA trainees. They get paid a stipend depending on the trainee level at which they are appointed. The benefits they are eligible for include health insurance, life insurance, annual leave, and sick leave. They are not entitled to paid parental leave nor contributions to retirement nor TSP.

### Q: Who is eligible?

**A:** Eligible physicians must have graduated from an Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) accredited residency; be board certified or board eligible in internal medicine (or one of its subspecialties), family medicine, gynecology, psychiatry, or surgery; have an active, unrestricted US medical license; and be a US Citizen. Eligible associated health professionals must be a US citizen; demonstrate interest in pursuing a VA career with women's health as a significant focus; be qualified in a health profession relevant to the health of women Veterans (nurses, psychologists, and others); and not be simultaneously enrolled in an accredited clinical training program.

### Q: How long is the program?

**A:** The AFWH is two years of post-residency or post-doctoral research, education, and clinical learning. Fellows spend approximately 75% of their time in research and education and 25% in clinical care at one of our VA fellowship sites.

### Q: How to apply?

**A:** Each fellowship site offers unique opportunities and manages their own applications. To inquire about the fellowship application process and to learn more about the program, interested candidates should ensure they meet the eligibility requirements. They should then fill out the screening application on the website ([womenshealth.va.gov/fellowship](https://womenshealth.va.gov/fellowship)), including uploading their Curriculum Vitae.



*"It has been extremely valuable to have access to some of VA leaders in women's health care, integrated care for depression, implementation science and race/gender disparities in care outcomes and utilization."*

- Teri D. Davis, PhD, faculty at Pepperdine and California State University; adjunct researcher at UCLA and VA-Greater Los Angeles



*"I enjoyed the mix of activities in which I participated as a fellow and caring for women Veterans. They have served our country, and it feels good to give back to them."*

- Anna K. Donovan, MD, MS, Assistant Professor of Medicine, Division of General Internal Medicine, University of Pittsburgh



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