

**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**  
**Palo Alto WRIISC Postdoctoral Fellowship Program**  
**in Complementary and Alternative Medicine with focus on Tai Chi**

The Office of Academic Affiliations, Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is now accepting applications for a two-year (with an optional third year extension) VA funded program for researchers (MD or PhD) in Complementary and Alternative Medicine (CAM) Research with a focus on Tai Chi (T'ai chi ch'üan or Tàijí quán). Applicants must be U.S. citizens.

The Fellowship site is part of the VA Palo Alto War Related Illness and Injury Study Center (WRIISC) and is affiliated with Stanford University. If the applicant meets requirements, an opportunity for postdoctoral status in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at Stanford University exists. The fellow will focus on rehabilitation research involving Tai Chi to treat chronic conditions including Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), pain, and sleep disorders. Candidates should have an interest in the mechanisms of action of CAM therapies and prior training in Tai Chi.

Preference will be given to candidates with experience in analyzing and interpreting cognitive or biomechanical/physiological data. Applications are encouraged from candidates with a doctorate (MD or PhD) in relevant fields such as cognitive neuroscience, psychology, physiological psychology or sports/rehabilitation medicine. Fellows will receive a firm grounding in research issues in CAM, develop and conduct studies that will create the foundation for future treatments, and participate in the development of innovative tools and measurements for novel approaches to healthcare.

Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. For consideration, please submit a letter of interest and curriculum vitae to the fellowship director Ansgar Furst, PhD at [ansgar.furst@va.gov](mailto:ansgar.furst@va.gov)