WHAT IS THE NAVY’S HEALTH PROFESSIONS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR PSYCHOLOGY?

The Navy offers one of the most generous and comprehensive scholarships available to psychology graduate students. The Navy’s Health Professions Scholarship Program (HPSP) provides full-tuition plus a monthly stipend. The number of scholarships awarded annually varies depending on the needs of the Navy. In Fiscal Year 2019, three (3) scholarships will be awarded.

SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY:

1. Applicants can be enrolled in the 1st or 2nd year of an APA-accredited doctoral program (Ph.D. or Psy.D.) in Clinical or Counseling Psychology when they apply.

2. Applicants who are in their second year must complete Enclosure 1 ("Statement of Understanding").

3. Applicants must be able to complete three full-time academic years on the scholarship prior to starting the doctoral internship in 2022.

4. Applicants must be on track to start their doctoral internship in 2022.

5. Scholarship students must attend the five-week Officer Development School before they start the doctoral internship at NMC, Portsmouth in 2022. (Students can attend ODS at any time while on the scholarship)

6. U.S. citizen (dual citizens must agree to relinquish non-US citizenship if selected for a scholarship).
7. No more than 41 years of age at the time you are commissioned.

8. Meet medical, weight, and security clearance criteria for appointment as a commissioned naval officer.

9. Maintain full-time student status during the entire three-year length of the scholarship.

10. Prior military experience is not a requirement or expectation for applicants. Most applicants for the Navy scholarships have no prior military experience.

11. There is no military service obligation unless an applicant is awarded and accepts a scholarship.

12. Scholarship awardees serve a total of 4 years on active duty, 1 year as a clinical psychology intern and 3 years as a staff psychologist.

13. Internship: To ensure that you are well-prepared to practice in the Navy healthcare system, it is essential that you have a doctoral internship in a Navy hospital. The APA-accredited doctoral internship at Naval Medical Center (NMC), Portsmouth, Virginia has been designated for this purpose. Scholarship students are required to apply for and, if accepted, must attend the Portsmouth internship. Applications for the NMC, Portsmouth internship are due in November of the year prior to internship. The application form is available by contacting the NMC Portsmouth Psychology Training Director at (757) 953-7641.

The internship at NMC, Portsmouth, Va. is accredited by the APA as a Clinical Psychology internship. Inquiries regarding accreditation may be addressed to the APA's Commission on Accreditation at the following address or phone number:

Office of Program Consultation and Accreditation
American Psychological Association
750 First Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C., 20002-4242
(202) 336-5979
WHAT DOES THE NAVY PAY FOR?

1. **Tuition**: Full tuition at any APA-accredited Ph.D. or Psy.D. program in Clinical or Counseling psychology.

2. **Books, Fees, Reimbursables**: All required books and equipment. All required fees with some exceptions. All student health and dental insurance if required by school. Examples of items not covered by the scholarship include parking fees, graduation cap & gown, student union fees.

3. **Monthly Stipend**: $2,276.10 per month for 10 ½ months of each school year. For the remaining six weeks of the school year, students will receive full pay and allowances of an Ensign in the U.S. Navy. (Stipend will increase to $2330.78 effective 1 July 2018).

4. **Promotions**: As a scholarship student, you are in the Navy Individual Ready Reserve (IRR) while in school. Before you start your doctoral internship, you will transition from the IRR to active duty, get promoted to the rank of Lieutenant, and begin to receive pay and allowances commensurate with your new rank.

5. **NOTE**: Scholarship support stops at the end of the academic year immediately prior to starting the doctoral internship. (This is the point at which you transition from IRR to active duty). Any remaining academic expenses (e.g., dissertation credits) will be the responsibility of the student.

APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Interested students must contact a Navy Medical Programs Officer Recruiter who will assist them in determining their eligibility for the scholarship program. Recruiters will begin conducting eligibility screenings on 17 September 2018. Eligibility screenings will stop when 25 eligible candidates have been identified.

2. To locate the Medical Programs Officer Recruiter nearest you, go to http://www.navy.com/careers/healthcare/ - Click on “Find a Recruiter” and type in the zip code where you will be located at the time you would like to speak and work with a recruiter. The site will give you two possibilities for a recruiter. Call the number listed for OFFICER PROGRAMS. (Ask specifically to speak with a Medical Programs Officer Recruiter. Small recruiting offices may not have Medical Programs Officer Recruiters, but can easily direct you to the closest one).
3. In-person interviews for HPSP applicants are conducted at Naval Medical Center (NMC), San Diego; Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, Bethesda, Maryland (WR, Bethesda), and Naval Medical Center (NMC), Portsmouth, Virginia in the March/April time period. (Specific dates are determined annually). In-person interviews at these locations are not required but they are strongly encouraged. (Phone interviews are an acceptable alternative when travel to a designated interview site is prohibitive for an applicant).

4. For additional guidance on the application process, contact the Head of Student Programs at OH@med.navy.mil or the National Director, Navy Psychology Training Programs (Dr. Eric Getka) at 301-295-2476 or eric.j.getka.civ@mail.mil.

WHAT DOES THE NAVY EXPECT OF YOU AS A SCHOLARSHIP STUDENT?

1. **Full-Time Student:** You are expected to be enrolled full-time in your doctoral program, acquiring a broad base of knowledge and clinical practicum experience related to the evaluation and treatment of adult patients.

2. **Officer Development School (ODS):** Scholarship students must attend a 5-week Navy orientation program called Officer Development School (ODS) prior to starting the doctoral internship at NMC, Portsmouth. The course can be attended at any time while a student is on the scholarship. **It is advisable to attend ODS as soon as possible to avoid any problems obtaining a seat in the course prior to starting the internship.**

   Arrangements to attend ODS are made by calling the Medical Department Accessions Directorate at 301-319-4538 or emailing Mr. Jon Green (Jon.Green@med.navy.mil). Additional information about requesting ODS can be found with the link below. **BE SURE TO CUT AND PASTE THE ENTIRE LINK INTO YOUR BROWSER:**

   [http://www.med.navy.mil/Accessions/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.med.navy.mil/Accessions/Pages/default.aspx)

   Click on the “HPSP-FAP” tab. Click on “HPSP-FAP Annual Training” in the text. See Section 1. Paragraph 1 for information about attending ODS.

3. **Obligated Service:** You will serve four years on active duty including the internship year. The three years after internship are served as an active duty staff psychologist. These assignments are in locations where supervision for licensure purposes is available.
4. **Licensure**: You are expected to achieve licensure at the earliest opportunity but no later than 18 months after completing the doctoral internship.

Additional detailed information about the Health Professions Scholarship Program can be found in the Student Handbook at

http://www.med.navy.mil/sites/nmpdc/Accessions/Pages/HPSP-FAP.aspx

Click on the “Admin Assistance” tab and scroll down to the “Student Handbook” pdf.

**Enclosure (1) (See below)**
NAVY PSYCHOLOGY HEALTH PROFESSIONS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING

BACKGROUND

1. The Navy offers one of the most generous and comprehensive scholarships available to psychology graduate students who are enrolled in APA-accredited doctoral programs (Ph.D. or Psy.D.). The Navy’s Health Professions Scholarship Program (HPSP) covers full-tuition and fees plus a monthly stipend.

2. All scholarships are three-years in length. Scholarship recipients must be in full-time student status during the entire three year period. The majority of students who apply for a Navy scholarship in 2019 will be on track to start their doctoral internship in 2022.

3. Students who are currently on track to start their doctoral internship in 2021 are only eligible to apply for the scholarship if they agree to extend an additional full-time year in their doctoral program (See below).

Please sign and date below indicating your agreement with the following conditions:

I understand that, if I am awarded a Navy scholarship, I will spend an additional full-time year in my doctoral program in order to complete three years on the scholarship and start my doctoral internship in 2022.

At the discretion of my Director of Clinical Training (DCT), the additional year will be focused on a combination of completing the dissertation, obtaining additional practicum experience with adult patients, and completing additional courses.

Please obtain the signature of your DCT indicating his or her support.

Signature (HPSP Applicant): ___________________________ Date: _____________

Signature (DCT): ___________________________ Date: _____________

Enclosure (1)
For additional information, please contact the National Director, Navy Psychology Training and Recruitment Programs:

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