

# SCHOLARSHIPS



## NAVY HEALTH PROFESSIONS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM (HPSP)

### 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. Five scholarships are awarded annually. (This number may change depending on the needs of the Navy). Selections are made by a Professional Review Board comprised of active duty and civilian Navy psychologists.

### SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY:

- Currently enrolled in an APA-accredited, Ph.D. or Psy.D. program in clinical or counseling psychology. Applications are accepted during the first year in the graduate program only. Scholarship awardees begin receiving scholarship support at the beginning of their second year. All scholarships are three-years in length covering years 2, 3, and 4 in most programs.\*
- U.S. citizen (dual citizens must agree to relinquish non-US citizenship if selected for a scholarship).
- **No more than 41 years of age at the time you are commissioned.** Commissioning typically occurs in June or July of the year in which the doctoral internship begins.

- **Meet medical, weight, and security clearance criteria for appointment as a commissioned naval officer.**
- **Maintain full-time student status during the entire three-year length of the scholarship.**
- **Prior military experience is not a requirement or expectation for applicants. Most applicants for the Navy scholarships have no prior military experience. There is no military service obligation unless an applicant is awarded and accepts a scholarship. Scholarship awardees serve four (4) years on active duty as a Navy psychologist including the doctoral internship year.**

**\* All Navy psychology scholarships are three years in length (years 2, 3, and 4 in most programs not including the doctoral internship). In order to be eligible for HPSP, applicants must be able to complete 3 years as a full-time student on the scholarship before starting the doctoral internship.**

**Students who are in a four-year doctoral program (i.e., four years including the doctoral internship) are eligible to apply for the scholarship if they can arrange with their Program Director to spend an additional full-time year in the program. The additional year should be used to complete the dissertation and obtain additional practicum experience with adult patients. The support of the Program Director for this arrangement must be documented in a letter and submitted with the application.**

#### **WHAT DOES THE NAVY PAY FOR?**

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

- **Monthly Stipend:** \$2178.90 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.
- **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.
- **NOTE:** Scholarship support ends at the conclusion of the academic year immediately prior to starting the doctoral internship. This is the point at which you transition from IRR to active duty.

## APPLICATION PROCESS

- **Applications will be accepted until 28 March 2016 or until approximately thirty have been received, whichever comes first.**
- You should apply for the scholarship during your first year in graduate school. (Students who have not started graduate school should not apply).
- Applications must be submitted with the help of a Navy Medical Programs Officer Recruiter. 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).
- In-person interviews for HPSP applicants are conducted at Naval Medical Center (NMC), San Diego, Walter Reed National Military

Medical Center, Bethesda (WR, Bethesda), and Naval Medical Center (NMC), Portsmouth in the March/April time period. (Specific dates are determined annually). In-person interviews at these locations are not required but they are encouraged. (Phone interviews are an acceptable alternative when travel to a designated interview site is prohibitive for an applicant).

- 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?

- **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.
- **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. Depending on the annual schedule of ODS classes, 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 the link below. BE SURE TO CUT AND PASTE THE ENTIRE LINK INTO YOUR BROWSER:

<http://www.med.navy.mil/Accessions/Pages/default.aspx>

Click on the “HPSP-FAP” tab. Click on “HPSP-FAP Annual Training” in the text.

- **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.
- **Obligated Service**: You will serve three years on active duty as a Navy psychologist after completing the doctoral internship.
- **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.