

Undergraduate students are invited to apply for a

# Paid Summer Research Program

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) [Center for Healthcare Organization & Implementation Research \(CHOIR\)](#), and the [National Center for PTSD](#) are offering an eight-week **summer research program** to contribute to enriching the pool of individuals from diverse backgrounds who pursue careers in health research and related research fields.\*

The program is for students interested in public health, medicine, mental health or social science careers and offers:

- exposure to healthcare research
- professional development skills
- participation in a research project
- mentorship from a VA researcher
  - competitive compensation

This program will take place in June and July of 2024  
(in person and hybrid)

**Applications are due March 11, 2024**

Note: The program is only available to US citizens per VA policy

Find the application linked here. For more information, please contact Jackie Pendergast  
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\*The goal of the VA summer research program is to enhance diversity and inclusivity in CHOIR, the National Center for PTSD, and the VA more broadly, by providing research experiences and opportunities to undergraduates from diverse backgrounds, such as underrepresented racial and ethnic groups, sexual minorities, disadvantaged backgrounds, individuals with disabilities, etc.



This goal is intended to increase the applicant pool but will not be used as a determinative factor in selecting participants in this program. For expanded list of groups that are underrepresented in research, please email [Jacquelyn.pendergast@va.gov](mailto:Jacquelyn.pendergast@va.gov).

\*\*Students will be placed at either the VA Bedford or VA Boston campus depending on the best match with mentor and research project. Remote opportunities may be available