

The Center for Health Optimization and Implementation Research ([CHOIR](#)) seeks qualified candidates for our rigorous **two-year**, Office of Academic Affiliations Advanced Fellowship in Health Systems Research. The program supports fellows striving to **develop and enhance their health services research skills and become independent investigators** after completing doctoral or clinical training. Fellows **collaborate** in ongoing research at CHOIR and also **develop individual projects**. CHOIR operates in two VA Medical Center **locations**: Boston, Massachusetts and Bedford, Massachusetts.

The Experience

- Excellent research and career mentoring by investigators within a rich, interprofessional environment
- Acquisition of skills & experience writing manuscripts and grants
- Opportunity for MD fellows to complete a fully-funded Master's degree
- Constructive critical feedback on your ideas, research proposals, writing, and career trajectory
- Participation in research and quality improvement within an integrated healthcare system
- Gain knowledge of health services literature and methods relevant to Veterans' healthcare

The Results

- More than half of our former fellows from the past 10 years continue to build their research and/or clinical careers as VA employees.
- Track record of success with Career Development Award funding (VA CDA and NIH K awards).

“As a CHOIR fellow, I received tailored training and mentorship that launched my health services research career.”

–Dr. Samantha Connolly, CHOIR–Boston

Select Focal Areas

- Implementation science
- Learning health systems
- Co-design, a participatory research methodology
- Virtual care
- Care for socially and economically marginalized Veterans
- Shared decision-making for precision oncology
- Long-term care and aging
- Electronic health record modernization

Application information for Academic Year 2025-26

We encourage applications from **physicians** who will have completed residency or fellowship by July 1, 2025 and have interest in health services research. **Recent doctorates** with a PhD (or equivalent degree) in relevant disciplines including health services/policy, medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, nursing, sociology, psychology, anthropology, health care management, epidemiology, health economics, and statistics are also encouraged to apply. Learn more about on eligibility on the [CHOIR website's fellowship section](#).

Please email a CV and a brief narrative statement (~2 pages) of any prior research or quality improvement training or experience, career goals, reasons for seeking fellowship, and specific health services research interests to CHOIRFellowship@va.gov. Admissions are rolling. CHOIR is proud to be an equal opportunity workplace. **We recognize and value the power of a diverse community and strongly welcome applications from individuals with varied lived experiences, perspectives, beliefs, and backgrounds.** All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to and will not be discriminated against based on: age, race, color, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, or any other protected category.



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