

Program Announcement

UCSD CAPS Postdoctoral Residency for 2027-2028

Emphasis: Preventative Outreach/Tritons Flourish Initiative

The Counseling Center at The University of California, San Diego (UCSD) [Counseling and Psychological Services \(CAPS\)](#) is announcing postdoctoral residency opportunities for the 2027-2028 academic year. The Residency is a 12-month, full-time appointment. The stipend is \$78,300 plus university benefits.

The Residency begins on August 2, 2027, and ends on July 31, 2028. Please visit our website for information about our center: <https://caps.ucsd.edu>. The Residency provides advanced clinical training with a focus on mental health in higher education and involves supervised experience working as an integral member of a team of clinicians serving approximately 43,000 diverse undergraduate, graduate, and professional students. Our focus is to provide an environment that facilitates professional growth and development. The postdoctoral residency year focuses on the integration of professional skills in a supervised environment in preparation for professional work and licensure. Residents typically provide 16-18 hours of clinical work per week.

Responsibilities include provision of short-term individual counseling/psychotherapy, group therapy, initial evaluation and assessment, urgent care, outreach, and consultation. Residents will participate in a clinical/outreach emphasis area approximately 5-7 hours per week which will be assigned based on demonstrated interest/experience and needs of the center. Applicants will apply directly to an emphasis area track and are encouraged to apply to multiple emphasis area tracks. Information regarding the emphasis areas can be found on the CAPS website:

<https://caps.ucsd.edu/programs/training.html#training-experiences>. We are a decentralized counseling center, and residents are housed within the colleges on the UCSD campus, affording the resident a unique and embedded consultation experience.

Residents receive two hours of individual clinical supervision, one hour of group supervision, and participate in a weekly multidisciplinary case conference. Additionally, residents participate in a weekly postdoctoral support group, as well as professional development meetings and training seminars. In addition, residents participate in several formal (our site is an authorized provider of CE units by the California Board of Psychology) and informal trainings that are offered throughout the year for all professional staff on topics such as Law and Ethics, Supervision, and Suicide Prevention.

The optimal candidate will possess the following: demonstrated interest and experience working with diverse multicultural university populations, strong clinical and crisis management skills, outreach delivery experience, organizational skills, basic computer skills, and excellent communication and written skills.

Residents receive approximately 2,000 hours of supervised experience with at least 25% of their hours being dedicated to direct, clinical service.

Requirements

Applicants must have completed an APA/CPA-accredited internship and possess a doctoral degree from an APA/CPA-accredited program by the start date of the residency. After selection, a background check is conducted that verifies that candidates have no criminal or other record that would preclude employment in the university's judgment. Formal hiring is contingent on these requirements.

Application Procedures

Our program will be using the APPA CAS (APPIC Psychology Postdoctoral Application-Centralized Application System) Postdoc Online Application (appic.org). Please submit the following materials electronically to the [APPA CAS system](#) by Sunday, January 3, 2027, 11:59 p.m. PST:

- Cover letter indicating your specific interest in UCSD Counseling and Psychological Services and to which emphasis area you're applying
- Curriculum vita
- A completion letter from your Graduate Program Director of Training, or dissertation Chair, specifying dissertation status and projected timeline for completing all requirements for the doctoral degree. If you have completed your degree, a copy of your diploma or other indication from your graduate program is acceptable.
- Three letters of recommendation from individuals who have knowledge of your clinical work. One letter must be from your Internship Training Director which also includes a statement indicating you are in good standing in the program and the exact completion date of the internship (if the internship is already completed, please submit a certificate or similar documentation).

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Positions are dependent on funding and subject to obtaining and maintaining credentialing and background clearance according to the University of California policies).