

Navy Clinical Psychology



Health Professions Scholarship Program





What does the Navy pay for?

- Tuition
- Books, Fees, and Other Reimbursables
- Monthly Stipend

In addition, the Navy provides the following:

- Opportunity to apply for the Navy's APA-accredited pre-doctoral internships
- Commission in the U.S. Navy
- Guaranteed job following internship with supervision towards licensure

What do you owe the Navy?

- Scholarship students serve a total of 4 years on active duty: 1 year as a clinical psychology intern and 3 years as a staff psychologist.

The Navy offers one of the most generous and comprehensive scholarship programs 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 each year varies depending on the needs of the Navy.



1. Applicants must be enrolled in their 1st or 2nd year of an APA-accredited doctoral program (Ph.D. or Psy.D.) in Clinical or Counseling Psychology.
2. Applicants who are in their second year must agree to remain in their programs for three additional years, to ensure that all of the year's scholarship recipients start their internships together.
3. All applicants must attend the 5-week Officer Development School in Newport, Rhode Island before commencing their APA-accredited predoctoral internship at Navy Medical Center Portsmouth, Virginia. (see below).
4. U.S. Citizenship is required.
5. Applicants must be less than 42-years-old upon starting internship.
6. Applicants must meet medical, height/weight, and security clearance criteria for appointment as a commissioned Naval Officer.
7. Applicants must maintain full-time student status during the entire 3-year length of their scholarship.
8. Internship: To ensure you are well-prepared to practice in the Navy healthcare system, it is essential that you complete an accredited doctoral internship at a Navy hospital. The APA-accredited doctoral internship at Navy Medical Center Portsmouth, Virginia has been designated for this purpose. Scholarship students are required to apply for and, if accepted, must attend the Portsmouth internship.

What does the Navy expect of a scholarship student?

1. Full-Time Student: You must be enrolled full-time in your doctoral program.
2. Officer Development School: You must attend this 5-week school in Newport, RI prior to beginning your predoctoral internship.
3. Obligated Service: You will serve 4 years in the Navy, including your internship year.
4. Licensure: You are expected to achieve licensure at the earliest opportunity, but no later than 18 months after completing your doctoral internship.



APPLICATION PROCESS

Interested students must contact a Navy Medical Programs Officer Recruiter who will assist you in determining your eligibility for the scholarship program. Recruiters will begin conducting eligibility screenings in November of 2020.

To locate the Medical Programs Officer Recruiter nearest you, go to <http://www.navy.com/careers/healthcare/>. Click on “Find a Recruiter” at the bottom of the page. Type in your zip code , then click on “Officer Recruiter.” You can also contact the National Training Director for Navy Clinical Psychology, Dr. John Ralph, at 301-295-2476 or john.a.ralph.civ@mail.mil .

In-person interviews for HPSP applicants will be conducted in April 2020 at 3 locations: Navy Medical Center San Diego; Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, Bethesda, MD; and Naval Medical Center, Portsmouth, Virginia. In-person interviews are not required, but they are strongly encouraged. Phone interviews are an acceptable alternative when travel to a designated interview site is prohibitive.



Helpful links:

HPSP Accessions Website:

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

Navy Psychology Accessions Page (HPSP):

<https://tricare.mil/mtf/WalterReed/About-Us/Navy-Psychology-Training/Health-Professions-Scholarship>

Navy Recruiting Web Site:

<https://www.navy.com/careers/clinical-psychology>

Navy Psychology Recruiting Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/navypsychologyrecruitment/>

Officer Development School:

<http://www.ocs.navy.mil/ods.asp>



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