Lexington VA Inter-Professional Fellowship in Patient Safety

Background:

- 1 of 7 VA Patient Safety Fellowship sites since 2007-2008
- One of 19 Advanced Fellowships funded through the VA Office of Academic Affairs (OAA)
- Lexington VA has 2 fellowship positions
- Salary and benefits provided by VA Office of Academic Affairs through employment at Lexington VAMC
- Lexington Fellowship director: Katie McKinney, MD; kmcki2@email.uky.edu

Fellowship structure:

- One year fellowship with additional 1 year extension allowed upon request/approval
- Runs July 1-June 30 (follows medical academic year; if necessary off cycle start is permitted
- Salary based upon highest educational degree attained (for physicians, must be board certified or eligible)
- 40 hr work week with flexibility in daily/weekly schedule
- Structured national/local curriculum
- Majority of time/learning from independent study and experiential learning regarding patient safety
- Mentorship by fellowship director with secondary mentor(s) identified based upon areas of personal interest
- 100% protected time for education/research in chosen area(s) of interest
- Formal coursework (towards MPH, MHA ect) is not funded but may be completed as part of the fellowship

Fellowship Application Requirements for physicians:

- Must be a US citizen
- Physician applicants must be board eligible (eg-finished residency) or certified otherwise can only apply on the basis of an applicable additional health professions related degree such as an MPH, MBA, MHA ect
- Must pass HR background checks/credentialing requirements

Application process/timeline:

- November-December: submit letter of interest, CV and letters of recommendation
- January: Phone/in person interviews
- End of January/early February: preliminary position offers
- February-March: HR background checks/national office review and approval
- March: formal appointment letter
- April-June: Credentialling/appointment
- July 1: fellowship start

Any interest in next year OR future years?

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