

Executive Director’s Report

MHSA Intern Stipend Program

Contract Overview

We are in Year 7 (2014–15) of our MHSA Stipend Program contract for Psychology Interns, which ends on June 30, 2016 (end of Year 8, 2015-16). This contract is funded by the Mental Health Services Act (California Prop 63) and managed by the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD).

Over the past six years under this contract, CAPIC has distributed \$4,121,185 in stipends to 218 clinical psychology students committed to working in the California public mental health system. Each full-time stipend is \$20,772. The names of the CAPIC/MHSA stipend awardees for all six years are posted on the [CAPIC website](#).

In 2014, CAPIC sought but was not awarded an extension to its current MHSA contract. As a result, our last issuance of stipends was on June 30, 2014. No more stipends are being awarded at this point, and at this point we are tracking the progress of the awarded stipend recipients.

Mental Health Services to the Public:

By the end of our current MHSA contract, the CAPIC/MHSA stipend recipients from contract years 1 – 6 will have completed their postdoctoral obligations. In doing so, and they will have given nearly 600,000 hours of public mental health service to Californians. This figure does not include subsequent and post-licensure hours, as many stipend recipients continue their careers in the public mental health system. See the chart below for additional details.

CAPIC/MHSA Stipend Recipients (as of 04/01/2015)	6 Years Combined (TOTAL)
TOTAL Number of Stipends Awarded	218
# Awardees with completed Postdoc	148
# Awardees still in process	58
# Awardees who have returned stipend funds	12
% - Passed EPPP	81%
% - CA licensed	63%
% - currently working in public MH	64%
<i>% figures are based on responses from Years 1 - 5 recipients</i>	

Diversity of Stipend Recipients:

CAPIC/MHSA stipend recipients are diverse, representing the clients and the communities they serve. 79% of stipend recipients are persons of color, speak a language other than English, have a rural upbringing and/or have immediate family with public mental health services usage.

See the attached MHSA poster (draft version, updated March 2015) for additional program details, including demographics on stipend recipients, breakdown of service by county, and new testimonials from stipend recipients.

Non-Stipend Programmatic Work

Online training modules

As part of this contract, CAPIC has also produced a series of online training modules on mental health issues following the Resiliency-Recovery theoretic approach to treating people with chronic mental health problems. These online training modules are free to the public and available to California licensed mental health professionals for Continuing Education (CE) credit. Because these online modules were created through State of California MHSA funding, CAPIC cannot charge for their use. There is a \$15 administrative fee for processing CE credits, which are being managed in partnership with Alliant International University. If one is not seeking CE credits, there is no CE administration fee and no cost for using these online modules.

To-date, fifteen (15) online modules have been produced. These online modules are accessible from the CAPIC website: <http://www.capic.net/online-training-modules/>. A final module, titled "Motivational Interviewing" by Dr. Melodie Schaefer is in the final phase of being produced.

CAPIC has added the completion of these online training modules as an additional obligation by its stipend recipients as part of CAPIC's MHSA Intern Stipend Program.

CAPIC/MHSA Mental Health Symposium:

On March 18-19, 2011, CAPIC held a 2-day symposium titled "Serving the Underserved: Preparing Psychologists for Effective Practice in the Public Sector" in San Jose, CA. The symposium was attended by clinical psychology educators from around the state, clinical psychology students, and representatives from psychology and public health organizations.

The symposium was structured so that participants were an active part of the experience and included the following five separate plenary sessions:

- Plenary I -- Basic Obligations to the Public
- Plenary II -- Evidence Based Practices
- Plenary III -- MHSA grant projects
- Plenary IV -- Psychology Education for the Future: Some Imperatives
- Plenary V -- Advocacy for Public Mental Health Service

More info on this symposium is available on the [CAPIC website](#).

CAPIC/MHSA Stipend Recipient Program Progress:

Program Obligations:

- Stipend recipients must serve an internship at a publicly mental health-funded site, often a county behavioral/mental health division in order to be eligible for the stipend program.
- Stipend recipients must also complete one year of postdoctoral service at a publicly mental health-funded site.
- CAPIC stipend recipients must also complete all of the available online modules.
- These obligations must be completed within certain timeframes, the most relevant timeframe being the completion of all obligations by June 30, 2016.
- For those stipend recipients who do not complete these obligations within the given timeframes, CAPIC is required to seek the return of funds from, although some extensions are permissible. Any funds retrieved by CAPIC must then be then returned to OSHPD.

Program Progress:

- All 218 stipend recipients have successfully completed their initial internship obligations.
- 148 stipend recipients (68%) have successfully completed all of the program obligations.
- 52 stipend recipients (24%) are in process of completing their program obligations (i.e. postdoc service and/or online module completion). CAPIC is working with them to ensure they complete their program obligations before the June 30, 2016 deadline.
- 12 stipend recipients (6%) have not completed their program obligations, and CAPIC has successfully retrieved their funds and returned these funds to OSHPD.
- 6 stipend recipients (3%) have not completed their program obligations, and CAPIC is currently seeking these funds back from these stipend recipients. Depending on their situation, CAPIC is working directly with them or with 3rd parties (e.g. a collection agency) to obtain these stipend funds back. Any retrieved funds will then be returned to OSHPD.



California Psychology Internship Council – CAPIC

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The CAPIC/MHSA Stipend Program



As a postdoctoral fellow at Reiss Davis Child Center, I had the opportunity to not only be thoroughly trained in dynamic theories and practices, but more importantly I was able to provide critical treatment services to children and families that may not have otherwise been able to afford such care. As a result of my extensive training experiences, I have recently been appointed to the role of senior clinical psychologist at a Western-trained clinic in Shanghai, China. This new position has afforded me the opportunity to continue working with children and families from diverse, multicultural backgrounds. Thank you so much!

Nate Balfanz, Psy.D.
Completed his Postdoc at Reiss Davis Child Center in Culver City

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The intent of these funds is to increase the number of California psychologists committed to working with people served by the California public mental health system, and to increase the training of psychologists in the use of the Resiliency-Recovery approach endorsed by the CA/DMH. Two-thirds of the stipend recipients who have completed the stipend program continued working in public mental health afterwards.

An integral part of this program includes 15 online learning modules that have been developed to provide a wide range of knowledge to students in areas required for the provision of quality recovery/resiliency services. The CAPIC MHSA Symposium held in March 2011 also provided key leadership and networking opportunities for the student recipients, faculty and internship program professionals who participated.

California Psychology Internship Council (CAPIC):

CAPIC is an association of psychology doctoral academic programs and training sites (internship and postdoctoral) throughout the state of California. Its mission is to promote excellence in professional psychology training and mental health services. Among its many functions, CAPIC

- Helps facilitate agency quality assurance;
- Runs an online internship match process for its member programs and students.
- Provides standardized application processes and procedures for its academic, internship and postdoctoral program members.



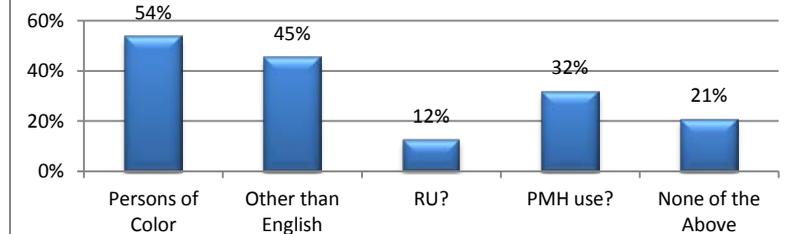
The CAPIC/MHSA stipend has allowed me to devote 4 years serving culturally diverse and underserved clients in community mental health in Los Angeles County. I have been able to provide therapy and psychological testing to children, adolescents, and families as well as supporting parents on welfare to reduce mental health issues and return to work through the CalWORKS program. Additionally, I have provided ongoing supervision to early career psychologists and therapists working in community mental health focused on serving clients with hardships such as poverty, oppression, and immigration issues.

Kate Odom, Psy.D. Completed postdoc at Child and Family Guidance Center in Northridge, CA

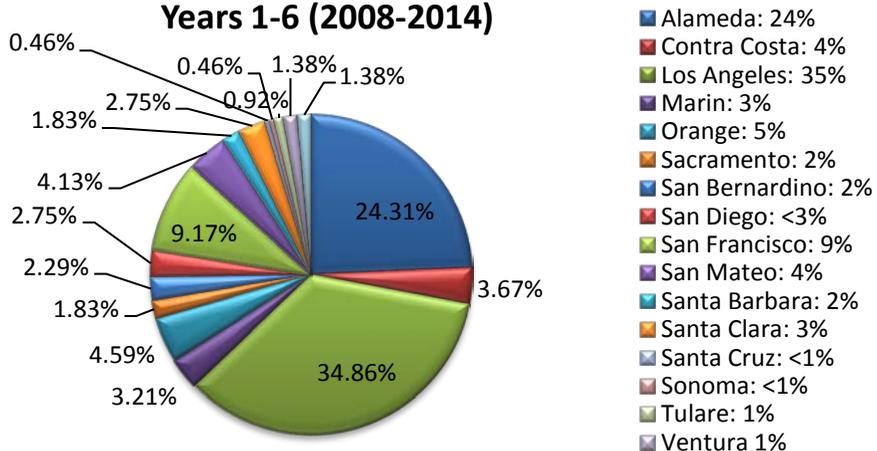
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Overall Diversity: 79% of recipients are persons of color, speak a language other than English, have a rural upbringing and/or have immediate family with public mental health services usage.

Overall Diversity of Stipend Recipients Years 1-6



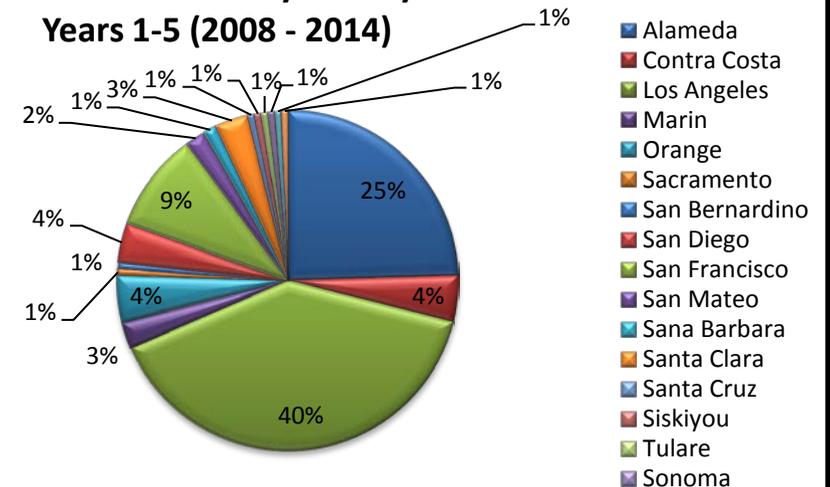
Internship Service by County: Years 1-6 (2008-2014)



I have had the privilege of continuing to work with underserved individuals at the Children's Center of Antelope Valley. At CCAV, work closely with DCFS and LADMH, where I specialize in treating children who are victims of trauma and providing comprehensive care to clients who have limited resources in their community. With the experience gained at CCAV, I have been accepted as an adjunct faculty member at The Chicago School of Professional Psychology, where I teach a course on the relationship between mental health and the law. Thank you CAPIC and MHSA for acknowledging the hard work of clinicians in California.

Michelle Garcia, Psy.D.
Registered Psychologist at The Children's Center of Antelope Valley

Postdoc Service by County: Years 1-5 (2008 - 2014)





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CAPIC-MHSA Stipend Recipients: Years 1-6
(2008-2009), (2009-2010), (2010-2011), (2011-2012), (2012-2013), & (2013-2014) Cycles

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The following students were selected from a great number of applicants through a “blind” evaluation of their application materials.

They have demonstrated the qualities of a clinical psychologist that are valued by CAPIC and by the California Department of Mental Health:

- * Comprehensive Coursework in the basic field of Clinical Psychology
- * Commitment to working with the underserved population of California
- * Skilled in working with clients from the publically funded MH system
- * Internship training in a publically funded mental health agency
- * Reflect the diversity of the State of California
- * Willing to work for a year following graduation in a publicly funded MH agency

2008-2009 CAPIC MHSA Stipend Recipients:

Annalisa Almendras
ASPP/Argosy University-Bay Area

Antonia Collazo
John F. Kennedy University

Laura Bava
University of La Verne

Martha Cravens
Institute of Transpersonal Psychology

E. Joseph Becher
Antioch University-Santa Barbara

Ezra Feinberg
The Wright Institute

Chris Brown
The Wright Institute

Natalie Feinblatt
Pepperdine University

Adrian Calderon
Phillips Graduate Institute

Ehsan Gharadjedaghi
ASPP/Argosy University-Orange County

Elizabeth Chang
Fuller Graduate School of Psychology

Dinora Guzman
Phillips Graduate Institute

Richard Chiovarelli
The Wright Institute

Jacquelyn Harman
Pacifica Graduate Institute

2008-2009 Recipients (Continued)

Ariana Heller
ASPP/Argosy University-Bay Area

Jessica Higgins
Institute of Transpersonal Psychology

Megan Kaden
California Institute of Integral Studies

Grace Kim
Fuller Graduate School of Psychology

Stella Lefevre
The Wright Institute

Nancy Liu
John F. Kennedy University

Holly Miller
University of La Verne

Shereen Mohsen
Argosy University-Orange County

Scott Musgrove
Antioch University-Santa Barbara

Lisa Nakamura
The Wright Institute

Sharon Mieras Perugini
Loma Linda University

Jary Quinones
Alliant International University – Bay Area

Christy Reeder
Fuller Graduate School of Psychology

Jennifer Ritchie
Fuller Graduate School of Psychology

Deborah Ronay
The Wright Institute

Cynthia Sailer
The Wright Institute

Rina Sharfstein
The Wright Institute

Tekesia Sturgis
ASPP/Argosy University – Bay Area

Frances Thompson
Phillips Graduate Institute

Gary Thompson
Phillips Graduate Institute

Todd Troutman
ASPP/Argosy University – Bay Area

Vanessa Vagt
The Wright Institute

Debra Winegarden
Pacifica Graduate Institute

Geny Zapata
University of La Verne

Amdrea Zorbas
ASPP/Argosy University-Bay Area

2009 – 2010 CAPIC MHSA Stipend Recipients:

Patrina Anacker
The Wright Institute

Le Ondra Clark
University of Wisconsin - Madison

Amanda Cohen
Antioch University - Seattle

Christine Corrigan
The Wright Institute

Rebecca Cowan
California Institute of Integral Studies

Jason Fuller
Institute of Transpersonal Psychology

Wilson Steve Fuller
The Wright Institute

Jessica George-Caballero
John F. Kennedy University

Seda Gragossian
Fielding Graduate University

Elliot Gann
The Wright Institute

Lynn Gordon
Pacifica Graduate institute

L. Elena Hernandez
The Wright Institute

Nancy James
ASPP/Argosy University - Orange County

Donna Lane
Philips Graduate Institute

Stephen Lugar
The Wright Institute

Robert Nemerovski
The Wright Institute

Danusia Nedilskyj
Loma Linda University

Rose Ochoa
Philips Graduate Institute

Kate Odom
The Chicago School of Professional Psychology

Jaimie Orndorff
Antioch University Santa Barbara

Robert Pate
Rosemead School of Psychology

Nicole Pickering
Rosemead School of Psychology

Kristi Reimer
ASPP/Argosy University - Bay Area

Sujata Saha
John F. Kennedy University

Jime Salcedo
University of La Verne

Diana Samardzic
John F. Kennedy University

Sharon Sindel
Phillips Graduate Institute

Juliana Simmons
John F. Kennedy University

Gesenia Sloan-Pena
Pepperdine University

Ryan Smith
Antioch University - Santa Barbara

Doris Tackett
Antioch University Santa Barbara

Ashley Taylor Dougherty
The Wright Institute

Tessa Trussell
Rosemead School of Psychology

Kristen M. White
Rosemead School of Psychology

2010 – 2011 CAPIC MHSA Stipend Recipients:

Suzanne Adams
Institute of Transpersonal Psychology

Leticia Arellano
The Wright Institute

Kimberly Barth
John F. Kennedy University

Luz Camarillo-Daley
The Wright Institute

Manisha Chaturvedi-Kent
The Wright Institute

Cinthya Chin Herrera
John F. Kennedy University

James Earhart
University of California, Santa Barbara

Sarah Gangale
The Wright Institute

Alison Goldman
The Wright Institute

Raquel Halfond
Virginia Commonwealth University

Mollie Heckel
Institute of Transpersonal Psychology

Malka Hefetz
The Chicago School of Professional Psychology

Patrick Heppell
Azusa Pacific University

Samuel Himelstein
Institute of Transpersonal Psychology

Mallory Howard
The Wright Institute

Shireen Iftikhar
Pepperdine University

Elia Jimenez
University of California, Santa Barbara

Megan Kressler
John F. Kennedy University

John Lee
Fuller Theological Seminary

Michelle Lesowski
ASPP/Argosy University – Bay Area

Marcos Lopez
Northern Illinois University

Guy Macpherson
Institute of Transpersonal Psychology

Lydia Mariam
Fuller Graduate School of Psychology

Ruth Millican
ASPP/Argosy University, Bay Area

Hang Ngo
The Wright Institute

Joy Peterson
Pacifica Graduate Institute

Elianna Rome
Phillips Graduate Institute

Sharn Sekhon
Phillips Graduate Institute

Brian Swanson
Pepperdine University

Melinda Tomosada
Fuller Graduate School of Psychology

Heather Udy
ASPP/Argosy University – Bay Area

Joshua Williams
Azusa Pacific University

Aja Wooden
ASPP/Argosy University – Bay Area

2011 – 2012 CAPIC MHSA Stipend Recipients:

Aracely Arellano Lopez
CSPP/Alliant International University – San Diego

Aram Amininejad
CSPP/Alliant International University – Los Angeles

Nathan Balfanz
Pepperdine University

Kellen Bennett
CSPP/Alliant International University – San Francisco

Mantsha Boikanyo
ASPP/Argosy University – San Francisco

James Cephas
CSPP/Alliant International University – Los Angeles

Flora Chan
The Wright Institute

Tin Chan
CSPP/Alliant International University – San Francisco

Madelyn Chatton
The Wright Institute

Huong Diep
University of Denver

Mariana Dominquez
CSPP/Alliant International University – San Francisco

Stacy Duffy
CSPP/Alliant International University – San Francisco

Robyn El-Bardai
CSPP/Alliant International University – Los Angeles

Marta Flores
CSPP/Alliant International University – San Francisco
Stacy Fonseca

University of Hartford

Seth Goradietsky
John F. Kennedy University

Kimberly Grace
CSPP/Alliant International University

Ming Hsieh
Biola University– Los Angeles

Young Sun Lee
Azusa Pacific University

Trevor Mackin
California School of Forensic Studies

Ramon Martinez
CSPP/Alliant International University – San Francisco

Katie Meseroll
ASPP/Argosy University – San Francisco

Hannah Miller
CSPP/Alliant International University – San Diego

Dennise Moon
The Wright Institute

Kristin Moore
John F. Kennedy University

Audrey Musni
ASPP/Argosy University, San Francisco

Geoffrey Peal
Nova Southeastern University

Lina Ponder
Rosemead School of Psychology

Alexandra Schmidt
Antioch University – Santa Barbara

Kimberly Smith
Pepperdine University

Lamar Smith
Antioch University – Santa Barbara

2011 – 2012 CAPIC MHSA Stipend Recipients (Continued)

Maria Stevens
CSPP/Alliant International University – Fresno

Aja Trotter
The Wright Institute

Jill Teagardin
California School of Forensic Studies

Christian Washburn
CSPP/Alliant International University – Sacramento

Phung Tieu
ASPP/Argosy University – San Francisco

Matthew Park
John F. Kennedy University

2012 – 2013 CAPIC MHSA Stipend Recipients:

Angie Branham
Pacifica Graduate Institute

Michelle Carcel
CSPP/Alliant International University - San Diego

Wanyu Chang
California School of Professional Psychology

Jenna Chin
UC Santa Barbara

Maya Dulay
CSPP/Alliant International University – SF

Azelin Ellis
John F. Kennedy University

David Friedman
The Wright Institute

Jessica Garcia
Pepperdine University

Michelle Garcia
Chicago School of Professional Psychology

Jessica Ghiotto
ASPP/Argosy University ASPP

Tammy Grabreck
Fielding Graduate University

Leilani Hart
ASPP/Argosy San Francisco

David Hawkey
CSPP/Alliant International University

Kristin Jacobson
John F. Kennedy University

Betsy Krugliak
The Wright Institute

Jennifer Ku
Azusa Pacific University

Jaclyn Lambe
Alliant International University

Chris Link
Pepperdine University

Alita Lombardo
CSPP/Alliant International University

Lydia Luna
Pacifica Graduate Institute

Daniel Martinez
Fuller Theological Seminary

Shirin Moheet
CSPP/Alliant International University - Los Angeles – PsyD

Francisca Niameh
John F. Kennedy University

Emily Odjaghian
ASPP/Argosy University ASPP -SF Campus

Roger Ortiz
CSPP/Alliant International University - Fresno

Alexis Petrakis
CSPP/Alliant International University - San Francisco – PsyD

Jennifer Porter
Rosemead School of Psychology

Valerie Posas
The Chicago School of Professional Psychology - Los Angeles

Mary Reyna
ASPP/Argosy University, SF - PsyD

Thaen Saefong
ASPP/Argosy University, SF - PsyD

Nicole Takla
John F. Kennedy University

2012 – 2013 Recipients (Continued)

Martha Wang
Fuller Theological Seminary

Caprice Warchol
The Chicago School of Professional Psychology -
Los Angeles
Cheryl Williams-Jackson
ASPP/Argosy University, SF – PsyD

Ann Wilson
CSPP/Alliant International University - San
Francisco – PsyD

Joshua Wilson
The Wright Institute

Chiyon Won
Rosemead School of Psychology

Juliana Yam
CSPP/Alliant International University - San
Francisco - PsyD

2013 – 2014 CAPIC MHSA Stipend Recipients:

Emma Alexander
ASPP/Argosy University—San Francisco

Kaile Brake
CSPP/Alliant International University—Sacramento

Ashley Brimager
CSPP/Alliant International University—Fresno

Jessamy Cadigan
CSPP/Alliant International University—San Francisco

Laura Caloca
CSPP/Alliant International University—San Diego

Andrea Cook
CSPP/Alliant International University—San Francisco

Veronica Correa
CSPP/Alliant International University – San Francisco – Ph.D.

Brian Couey
CSPP/Alliant International University—Los Angeles

Kavita Deo
The Chicago School of Professional Psychology—Los Angeles

Virginica Dinut
CSFS/Alliant International University—Sacramento

Irene Guerra
CSPP/Alliant International University—San Francisco

Jazmin Guzman
The Chicago School of Professional Psychology—Irvine

Nicholas Hack
The Wright Institute

Dylon Helene
CSPP/Alliant International University—San Francisco

Juanita Hernandez-Morin
CSPP/Alliant International University—San Francisco

Heather Hobson
CSPP/Alliant International University—San Francisco
Laura Kahwaji
ASPP/Argosy University—Orange

Andrew Kami
Pacifica Graduate Institute

Lynette Lau Schumann
University of California—Los Angeles

Stanley Markowski
The Wright Institute

Robyn Matlon
The Wright Institute

Bree McDaniel
CSPP/Alliant International University—San Francisco

Ana Mena
The Chicago School of Professional Psychology—Los Angeles

Andres Mendez
Loma Linda University

Robyn Moran
CSPP/Alliant International University—Sacramento

Grace Fel Mosquera
ASPP/Argosy University—Orange

Robert Nusic
The Chicago School of Professional Psychology—Los Angeles

2013 – 2014 Recipients (Continued)

Shannon Pratt
John F. Kennedy University

Maria Del Carmen Roman
Sofia University (Formerly Institute of
Transpersonal Psychology)

Franziska Ronquillo
The Wright Institute

Aglaed Salazar
CSFS/Alliant International University—Irvine

Julie Sanchez
The Chicago School of Professional Psychology—
Los Angeles

Yonatan Rosenblum
The Chicago School of Professional Psychology—
Los Angeles

Steven Rudoy
Pepperdine University

Snehal Shah
John F. Kennedy University

Jessica Thomas
The Chicago School of Professional Psychology—
Los Angeles

Brooke Welch
The Wright Institute

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A new MHSA contract for issuing stipends for psychology interns has been awarded to Alliant International University (AIU). Inquiries regarding future MHSA stipends should be directed to AIU.