

## LETTER TO INTERN APPLICANTS

Dear Prospective Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in our APA-Accredited Doctoral Internship in Health Psychology and for visiting our web page!

As an internship site that participates in the APPIC Match we use the APPIC Application for Psychology Internship (AAPI Online) and our web site brochure is linked to the APPIC Application for Psychology Internship (AAPI). To access the AAPI,

1. Click the link to APPIC in our brochure or
2. On your internet browser, type in the APPIC address: <http://www.appic.org/>
3. Follow the instructions regarding how to complete and submit your AAPI online application(s). **We are requesting that as part of your APPI, you include a one-page cover letter, providing a summary of how your goals and experience match the opportunities available at our site. Please list and bold the interest areas in which you are interested.**

Counseling Services is a department of the Student Health and Counseling Services (SHCS). The Counseling Services internship program is accredited by the American Psychological Association. We are committed to providing quality training experiences in a supportive yet challenging learning environment, which will facilitate your transition from trainee to professional psychologist. Our internship program provides training experiences in primary prevention (through consultation and educational programming) and remedial intervention (through assessment, brief individual psychotherapy, and group psychotherapy).

We emphasize the development of skills, professional identity, and personal growth in a multicultural university environment. The training staff and client population are culturally diverse and Counseling Services is committed to a training process that facilitates the development of professionally relevant knowledge and skills focused on working effectively with all individuals inclusive of demographics, identities, beliefs, attitudes, and values.

The selection process for our internship program involves two steps. Initially, applicants are screened on the basis of the background information they submit in the application packet. Those applicants who are assessed to hold goals and experience most closely matching the availability of training options at Student Health and Counseling Services will be asked to participate in a video format (e.g. Zoom) interview during early January.

**The Application Deadline is November 06, 2023.** We will send an email offering an invitation for interview no later than December 1st, by 6pm PST. Hour long interviews via video conferencing are usually conducted during the first weeks of January but may occur in mid-December.

Our program has agreed to abide by the APPIC Policy that no member on our staff will solicit, accept or use any ranking related information from any intern applicant. Additionally, I encourage you to discuss with your program training director and then consider reporting to APPIC any program that violates this standard by pressuring you to make a first choice statement.

Our information for National Matching Service is as follows:

THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, DAVIS STUDENT HEALTH AND  
COUNSELING SERVICES \*APPIC Member Number: 1117  
\*APPIC Match Number for NMS: 111711

We realize that intern selection is an anxiety provoking process and want to provide you with as much information as possible about our program to help you make a sound decision. If you have questions about our program, please feel free to e-mail me at [ljgeiken@ucdavis.edu](mailto:ljgeiken@ucdavis.edu) or call me at (530) 752-0871 (dial 0 to get the receptionist, who can transfer you to me).

In addition, our current interns are available to discuss their experiences at our site. Other staff members, program coordinators and interest area supervisors are happy to speak with you as well (you can access contact information for our staff on the main UC Davis SHCS website). Although we do not offer onsite interviews, you are welcome to contact me should you want to visit our site. We know that the application process can be costly and we want you to know that whether you visited or not will not factor into our selection decision.

I look forward to receiving your application and discussing our internship program with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lissa Joy Geiken, Ph.D." The signature is written in a cursive style.

Lissa Joy Geiken, Ph.D. Director of Training