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Call for Applicants **PAVER Fellowship** **(Partnership to Advance Veterans Education in Research)**

The **PAVER Fellowship** provides a “real-life” research experience for those **veterans** currently enrolled at, or recently graduated from, accredited Idaho universities who may be considering further graduate education and/or a career in biomedical research or related healthcare sciences.

The **PAVER Fellowship** supports a 10 week mentored, biomedical research opportunity in the basic science laboratory of an established Infectious Disease investigator at the Boise VA Medical Center. The fellowship typically runs from late May to August (summer semester), though other times may be arranged. Awardees receive \$6000 for the 10 week session. Additional support of \$1500 is provided to offset laboratory supply costs and travel expenses to scientific meetings.

The **PAVER Fellowship** runs concurrently with other undergraduate summer research programs at the Boise VA and those at other institutions in Idaho. Students at the Boise VA present an oral abstract at our annual VA Biomedical Research Symposium and participate via poster presentation at the annual Idaho IDeA Network of Biomedical Research Excellence (INBRE) meeting in Moscow, ID. Research by **PAVER Fellows** is highlighted in the VA’s *The Boise Front* newsletter, local and statewide media, and national VA news outlets.

Applications for 2018 summer fellowships are due **January 31st, 2018** and must contain all elements listed below. Selection is a **competitive process with 1-2 awardees/year**. Fellows are chosen based on their applications as a whole; elements are not necessarily weighted in the order listed. Completed applications should be sent to abryant@ivref.org with **PAVER** in the subject line.

1. Personal Statement that addresses the following:
 - a. Interest in biomedical science and research
 - b. Obstacles you have overcome to obtain your education
 - c. How the PAVER Fellowship will enhance or direct your career decisions and goals.
2. Academic transcripts including science classes taken and GPA
3. Date of expected or actual graduation and degree
4. Reference letters (2 minimum; 3 are preferred)
5. A copy of your **DD Form 214** “Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty”.

We strive to interview top applicants face-to-face **during the first two weeks of February** with award decisions made by the **end of February**. Those not chosen for PAVER Fellowships may be considered for other funded student research opportunities at the Boise VA.

The Infectious Diseases Center of Excellence seeks to discover, develop and advance novel new approaches to prevention, diagnosis and treatment of severe life-threatening infections plaguing people of all ages worldwide. Information on current projects and Principal Investigators can be found at www.ivref.org.

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