



**Research Scientist**  
**Center for Innovations in Quality, Effectiveness and Safety**  
**Behavioral Health & Implementation Program**  
**Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX**

The Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center, Houston, TX and Baylor College of Medicine are seeking qualified applicants for the position of **Research Scientist** based at the VA Health Services Research and Development Center for Innovations in Quality, Effectiveness and Safety (IQEST).

We are seeking established MD or PhD investigators at the Assistant or Associate Professor level. A track record of publications in the areas of behavioral health, rural mental health, tele-mental health and geriatric mental health are preferred. Candidates will be expected to conduct research for at least 75% of the time and a highly competitive start up package will be offered commensurate with experience and record of success.

IQEST, located in the Texas Medical Center with 35,000 sq. ft. of contiguous office space, has a strong portfolio of federally funded, multidisciplinary research. It houses over 190 staff; 45 are research faculty from either clinical and/or non-clinical disciplines, such as epidemiology, biostatistics, and psychometrics. Our research extends from patient experience, to clinical practice and outcomes of care, and to the development of health care policy. We have an established track record of supporting, mentoring and developing outstanding research leaders. Some faculty hold joint or adjunct appointments at Rice University, The University of Texas School of Biomedical Informatics and School of Public Health, University of Houston, and Texas A&M University.

A summary of all activities of our Center are available on our website:  
<http://www.houston.hsrdr.research.va.gov>.

**Required Qualifications:**

- Fellowship trained MD or PhD.
- Must be a U.S. citizen or U.S. permanent resident.

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