

Trauma and Personality Studies (TAPS) Lab
Prof. Matthew Yalch

Openings: There will be openings for 2 new lab members who are interested in collaborating on and expanding research in one or more of the following areas: trauma (e.g., combat trauma, moral injury, intimate partner other forms of interpersonal violence), posttraumatic response (e.g., PTSD, substance use), and personality traits and assessment (e.g., normal [e.g., Big Five] traits, maladaptive traits, interpersonal circumplex). Please see the [lab website](#) for more details.

How to Apply: Interested students should submit the following to Dr. Yalch at myalch@paloinyo.edu by the announced deadline:

- CV
- Unofficial PAU transcripts
- Cover letter (2-page max) that includes at least some of the following information:
 - Research interests, including both general themes (e.g., personality, trauma) and specific constructs of interest, whether they be diagnostic (e.g., anxiety, substance use, suicidality) or non-diagnostic/clinical (e.g., mindfulness, mindset, grit). (Note: Write what you really think, not what you think I might want to hear!)
 - Brief description of current career goals (e.g., clinician in private practice, faculty at small liberal arts college, etc.) and any populations of particular clinical/research interest (e.g. children/adolescents, men/women, veterans, specific marginalized/minority groups, etc.), understanding that these are still very flexible at this point.
 - Theoretical orientation(s).
 - Computer software/programming languages with which you have some experience and/or skill (Mplus, Python, Qualtrics, MTurk, HTML).
 - Any plans you have to work with multiple research labs/faculty.

Based on your application materials, Dr. Yalch will interview a select group of applicants. You can use the interview opportunity to learn if the research lab is a good fit for you.

Notification: Students who are accepted into the TAPS lab will be notified via email by the PAU uniform notification date. New lab members will be selected based on merit and degree of fit with their research interests and potential lab projects.