BOSTON CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL
POSTDOCTORAL TRAINING

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The Psychology Program at Boston Children's Hospital offers a variety of postdoctoral fellowship opportunities. Individual trainee programs are tailored to meet specialized training needs and interests as well as institutional service needs. The specialized training programs are discussed in the accompanying materials. Our emphasis is on training competent clinical psychologists to provide assessment and therapeutic interventions to children and their families. Specific loci of training include outpatient clinic services, inpatient psychiatric wards, and inpatient medical wards. Services offered include traditional testing and therapeutic interventions as well as specialized opportunities in community outreach, consultation, medical coping, neuropsychology, and clinical research.

Fellows will receive Harvard Medical School appointments (Clinical Fellow in Psychology), as well as library privileges at all Harvard libraries. Trainees in each of the postdoctoral programs have the option, with the permission of the director of their program, to participate in activities of the other programs.

Application Deadline: Monday, December 14, 2020

For specific questions concerning any of our postdoctoral fellowships, please e-mail:

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FACILITIES

In the mid-nineteenth century, the concept of treating children in medical facilities separate from adult patients was quite controversial. Children were, after all, simply small adults in the view of many. That view began to change in 1869, when Francis Henry Brown, MD, founded Boston Children's Hospital as a 20-bed facility in Boston's South End. Today, Boston Children's Hospital is one of the largest pediatric hospitals in the world and the primary pediatric teaching hospital of the Harvard Medical School. It is dedicated to patient care, research, and teaching, and offers comprehensive health care services for patients from birth to young adulthood. The hospital has 415 licensed beds and over 250 specialized clinical programs, serving over 600,000 patients each year. More than 11,000 people, including approximately 500 individuals in clinical training status, are employed at Children's.

Boston Children's Hospital's Department of Psychiatry consists of more than 300 psychologists, psychiatrists, social workers, psychiatric nurses, and trainees in the various disciplines. The training program blends traditional training approaches in child and family treatment, assessment, and consultation with state-of-the-art approaches to problems at the interface of pediatrics and psychology.

Boston Children's Hospital is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. We place a strong emphasis on the values of equality, diversity, and compassion.

General Procedures and Requirements

Application procedures

A common application form ("Application for Postdoctoral Psychology Fellowship") is used for all candidates (except Neuropsychology, see below). All materials are due in the Psychology Department office by Monday, December 14, 2020.

To apply, email your application packet as one pdf to Ms. Courtney Kellogg at courtney.kellogg@childrens.harvard.edu. The packet must include the application form, a letter of interest/personal statement (separate statement for each program to which you are applying), curriculum vitae, and a copy of a certified transcript of doctoral work. For CNP and DHHP applicants, two psychological or neuropsychological reports must also be included. The references must email their letters directly to Ms. Kellogg. In addition, a certified transcript must be sent via postal mail to Ms. Courtney Kellogg, Training Programs in Psychiatry & Psychology, Boston Children's Hospital, 300 Longwood Avenue, BCH 3022, Boston, MA 02115. (NOTE: In the event that COVID-related restrictions do not allow for submission of a hard/mailed copy of transcript(s), have the Registrar's office directly email the transcript(s) to Ms. Courtney Kellogg or send via an encrypted platform.) Only original transcripts and letters of recommendation will be considered.

EARLY APPLICATIONS ARE ENCOURAGED. Applicants do not have to wait until letters of recommendation are ready to email their applications. COMPLETE APPLICATIONS, INCLUDING ALL LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION AND ORIGINAL CERTIFIED TRANSCRIPT(S), MUST BE RECEIVED BY 12/14/2020. Current or former predoctoral interns at Boston Children's Hospital may use existing credential files for this purpose. Interviews will be conducted via video conference in early 2021.

For questions, please contact Ms. Kellogg at courtney.kellogg@childrens.harvard.edu.

The fellowship programs abide by the APPIC Postdoctoral Selection Guidelines WITH THE EXCEPTION OF NEUROPSYCHOLOGY, FOR WHICH SPECIFIC GUIDELINES APPLY (**SEE BELOW).

Fellowships generally begin on September 1 and finish on August 31, unless special arrangements are approved for a different term. For 2021, fellowship will begin on September 1, 2021.
Information about the Psychology Fellowship Program can also be found at http://www.childrenshospital.org/centers-and-services/departments-and-divisions/department-of-psychiatry/training-programs/psychology-fellowship-program.

Fellowships are included in the APPIC Universal Psychology Postdoctoral Directory (UPPD) at https://www.appic.org/Postdocs/Universal-Psychology-Postdoctoral-Directory.

**Application Information for Neuropsychology Residency:** Interested candidates are asked to forward the following materials via email: Letter of interest, application information form, curriculum vitae, certified transcript of all doctoral work, copies of two neuropsychological evaluation reports, and three letters of reference. See page 13 below for more details about application procedures for the Neuropsychology Residency. For more information about application procedures, please contact Ms. Courtney Kellogg (courtney.kellogg@childrens.harvard.edu); for more detailed program information, please contact Dr. Celiane Rey-Casserly, Director, Center for Neuropsychology (celiane.rey-casserly@childrens.harvard.edu). Application materials must be received by Monday, December 14, 2020. Early applications are encouraged.

The Boston Children’s Hospital Neuropsychology Postdoctoral Residency Program is a member of APPCN and will participate in the Resident Matching Program. Information about the APPCN Resident Matching Program and registration materials are available at www.natmatch.com/appcnmat. Only those applicants who register for and participate in the Match can be matched to our program. Applicants must register for the Match. Further information is available on the APPCN Web Site www.appcn.org. Our program code number is: 9673.

Basic Prerequisites

The basic requirements for a postdoctoral fellowship involving clinical training and service delivery are: an earned doctorate in psychology from an American Psychological Association/Canadian Psychological Association accredited doctoral program and completion of an internship accredited by the American Psychological Association/Canadian Psychological Association. All doctoral degree requirements, including dissertation defense, must be completed prior to the starting date of the fellowship. External degree programs are not acceptable. The internship requirement may be waived if the postdoctoral fellowship is for research training only and does not involve delivery of clinical services. See the descriptions of specific program listings for additional requirements. Employment at Boston Children’s Hospital is subject to meeting performance expectations, compliance with the Boston Children’s Hospital policies and standards of conduct, and infection control requirements (including annual influenza vaccination).

Funding

No unfunded fellows will be approved, and all fellows will be either full-time (40 hours per week) or half-time (20 hours per week). The basic salary level for a first-year postdoctoral fellow (2021-2022) is $57,075, full-time equivalent. Higher rates may be authorized for trainees with advanced postdoctoral training, depending on the funding source. Funding for military personnel or candidates with external federal or grant support will be approved at the level authorized by the funding agency so long as that amount exceeds the basic stipend level. Benefits include medical/dental insurance, 20 vacation/professional leave days, and 9 hospital holidays yearly.

Core Program

In addition to the specialization program to which the fellow is accepted, all postdoctoral fellows will be expected to attend a core seminar program addressing professional, clinical, and research issues.
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Cardiac Neurodevelopmental Program

Program Description

The Cardiac Neurodevelopmental Program (CNP) at Boston Children’s Hospital provides multidisciplinary care for children with pediatric heart disease (PHD) and their families. CNP was among the first programs at a major teaching hospital to specialize in cardiac neurodevelopmental care. The program was developed in collaboration with the founders of the field of cardiac neurodevelopment, Jane Newburger, MD and David Bellinger, PhD, both of whom remain actively involved in the program operations. Our patients include those with critical congenital heart disease requiring open heart surgery in the first year of life, children with acquired heart disease, and those needing cardiac transplants. Many of our patients have comorbid genetic syndromes, such as 22q Deletion Syndrome and Noonan Syndrome, as well as other low-incidence medical and neurological conditions. Patients typically present with complex neurodevelopmental profiles and functional impairments ranging from mild to severe. Increased rates of autism spectrum disorders and other social cognition deficits are present, as are high rates of attention and executive function challenges and cognitive and learning impairments. Psychosocial adjustment difficulties are also common, including behavioral dysregulation, anxiety, and depression. Our program provides comprehensive behavioral health assessment, consultation, and treatment services starting in the prenatal period to reduce maternal stress, continuing with neurobehavioral consultation during the inpatient hospital stay, and transitioning to the outpatient setting after hospital discharge with evaluation and treatment services. CNP’s multidisciplinary team includes experts from the fields of psychology, cardiology, cardiovascular surgery, education, genetics, and neurology.

The Clinical Training Experience

The CNP fellowship experience is prescriptively developed with each fellow to meet individual training needs and goals. Fellowships include a combination of assessment and treatment opportunities. Supervised training experiences include participation in 3-4 of the following clinical services, with opportunities to rotate clinics throughout the year:

Inpatient Services

- **Infant-Toddler Cardiac Neurobehavioral Consult Service (0-3 years):** This service provides neurobehavioral consultation for infants and toddlers admitted to the Cardiac Intensive Care Unit (CICU). Infants are routinely evaluated following cardiac surgery and in preparation for discharge. The inpatient neurobehavioral consultation services use an integrated approach designed to provide an early assessment of infant development.

- **School Age Cardiac Neurodevelopmental Consult Service (4-24 years):** This service provides inpatient consultation to cardiac patients aged 4-24 years with suspected or confirmed neurodevelopmental challenges. The service provides assistance to medical team providers and families, with understanding and caring for the neurodevelopmental needs of the patient during the hospital stay and assistance in planning for post-discharge neurodevelopmental services.

Outpatient Services

- **Psychodiagnostic Consultation Team:** This team is the first point of contact for referring medical and behavioral health providers, schools, and families seeking specialized evaluation and treatment for children with PHD. Psychodiagnostic consultations include a detailed parent and child interview and a neurodevelopmental screening focused on providing diagnostic clarification,
documentation of needs, and an initial treatment plan. Fellows will become familiar with the specialized needs of children with PHD and develop competency in diagnostic interviewing, parent consultation, and integration of pediatric care for children with co-existing medical and behavioral health needs.

- **Toddler/Preschool Team (1-5 years):** This team provides comprehensive neurodevelopmental assessments and school and parent consultation services. Presenting concerns focus on questions of developmental delays, with frequent referrals for assessment of language, motor, cognitive, and behavior regulation difficulties, including sleeping and feeding challenges. Comprehensive evaluation reports are generated that inform care needs, including helping families connect and communicate with early intervention and preschool special education services. Fellows will develop competency in the administration and interpretation of toddler-preschool assessments, including the Bayley-4 and the WPPSI-IV, as well as assessing for autism concerns in early childhood.

- **School-Age Assessment Team (6-24 years):** This team provides psychological and neuropsychological assessments of children and adolescents with PHD presenting with a broad range of neurodevelopmental and psychosocial challenges. Assessments are completed by a multidisciplinary team that includes a clinical psychologist and educational specialist. Fellows will develop competency in the administration and interpretation of a broad range of psychological and neuropsychological assessment measures evaluating cognitive and adaptive functioning, attention and executive function skills, autism and social cognition, specific learning challenges, and social-emotional functioning. Assessment results are used to guide the development of academic and therapeutic interventions to support ongoing management. Ongoing consultation is available to families to ensure implementation of recommendations and support ongoing care between assessments.

- **Transition Team (12-24 years):** This team is a family-centered program that guides patients and families through the transition from adolescence to young adulthood using a care model that provides psychological consultation services, parent guidance, school consultation, and participation in community-based recreational programs. Guardianship evaluations are also completed by the Transition Team when needed. Fellows will develop competency in managing the unique medical, educational, vocational, and social-emotional concerns that present in a behavioral health setting designed for teens and young adults with PHD.

- **Behavioral Health Treatment Team (Birth-24 years):** CNP’s behavioral health treatment service provides individual and group therapy to children with PHD and their families. CNP therapeutic services focus on short-term, evidence-based interventions. Referrals include concerns about anxiety and medical coping, social and school functioning challenges, and management of attention and self-regulation. The Prenatal Stress Reduction Program is a new clinical service offered by the CNP treatment team that provides therapeutic support for pregnant women who are experiencing stress related to the pending birth of a baby prenatally diagnosed with congenital heart disease. Treatment services are delivered in person and/or via remote telehealth technology.

The Research and Professional Development Training Experience:

Although the primary focus of each fellowship is clinical, fellows dedicate approximately 20% of their time to applied research and academic pursuits that will advance their professional development and prepare them for practice. CNP has a dedicated research working group under the direction of David Bellinger, PhD (developmental neuropsychologist) and David Wypij, PhD (biostatistician). CNP staff and fellows meet regularly to advance research projects through collaborative discussions about study design, data analysis, and manuscript preparation. CNP maintains an internal database and has access to multisite data stored...
in the Cardiac Neurodevelopmental Outcome Collaborative (CNOC) database, available for analysis and publication. Our clinical research team strives to develop novel interventions in the field of cardiac neurodevelopment within a framework that allows for the analysis of outcomes. Current clinical research efforts include development and implementation of a prenatal stress reduction program and executive function interventions, studies of the comorbidity between autism and CHD, an evaluation of the predictive validity of the Bayley Scales for children with PHD, and participation in the new Fontan at Boston multidisciplinary clinical research program. Each fellow will be integrated into a research initiative with opportunities to contribute to all aspects of study activities, including data collection and analysis, manuscript preparation, and authorship. Previous fellows often continue to collaborate on ongoing projects following the completion of their fellowship.

Seminars, Supervision, and Educational Activities

CNP dedicates one day per week to education and professional development of the staff and fellows, including a monthly interdisciplinary meeting that serves as a forum for special speaker presentations, morbidity and mortality rounds, and case conferences.

Supervision is provided by the attending psychologists in the CNP and includes in-vivo observations and weekly individual meetings. A primary supervisor is assigned for each fellow as well as an attending/ supervising psychologist for each rotation. Fellows work with several different supervisors over the course of their training. Fellows participate in postdoctoral seminars in the broader hospital setting through the Department of Psychiatry that address clinical assessment skills, professional development, and preparation for licensure and board certification. Progress, acquisition of competencies, and training goals are evaluated semi-annually.

Participation in academic conferences is strongly encouraged, including attendance at the twice monthly Department of Psychiatry Grand Rounds. CNP and Harvard Medical School co-lead an annual Cardiac Neurodevelopmental Family Symposium that attracts a national and international audience. Fellows are expected to actively participate in this event. Attendance at the Annual Scientific Sessions of the Cardiac Neurodevelopmental Outcome Collaborative is also encouraged.

Fellowship Offerings for 2021-2022

Two full-time postdoctoral fellowship positions are anticipated for 2021-2022. Each fellowship may be renewable for a second year, depending on the learning needs and interests of the fellow. Clinical activities are the primary fellowship emphasis, with the previously mentioned dedicated research time as a secondary emphasis. Fellowship activities occur at the main hospital campus in the Harvard/Longwood Medical Area (Boston) and at satellite locations (Waltham and Brookline).

Application Qualifications

Applicants should have strong background knowledge and training in child development, pediatric psychology, psychological and neuropsychological assessment, and short-term CBT-oriented treatment models. Successful candidates will demonstrate interest in developing career potential in the emerging field of cardiac neurodevelopment.

In addition to submitting the application materials described on page 2 of this brochure and on the application form, applicants to the CNP must include in their application packet two psychological or neuropsychological reports.
For more information, please contact Janice Ware, PhD, Director of the Cardiac Neurodevelopmental Program, at janice.ware@childrens.harvard.edu.
Center for Neuropsychology

Neuropsychology services at Boston Children's Hospital have been provided for more than forty years, developing from collaborations among the Departments of Psychiatry, Neurology, and Neurosurgery. These services were developed to meet the growing demand for more sophisticated assessments of children with known or suspected central nervous system injury or dysfunction. The recently established Center for Neuropsychology currently brings together neuropsychology faculty from the Departments of Psychiatry, Neurology, Otology and Neurotology, and Plastic Surgery. The activities of the Center encompass clinical services, research, education/training, and advocacy in pediatric neuropsychology at Boston Children's Hospital. The work of the center is grounded in an innovative model of understanding brain-behavior relationships in the developing child. The theoretical framework is developmental — emphasizing the role of experience in building and sculpting the brain, the importance of context and relationships in providing critical experiences, the dynamic (interacting, re-organizing) nature of the brain's transactions with context, and the need to understand the processes involved in developmental trajectories and neurobehavioral outcomes.

Clinical and research efforts involve relationships with the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, the Department of Cardiology, the Spina Bifida Center, the Division of Epilepsy and Neurophysiology, Neuroimmunology and Demyelinating and Related Disorders, Cerebrovascular Disorders and Stroke, Deaf and Hard of Hearing Program, Infectious Disease, Gastroenterology, Craniofacial Center, and the Brain Injury Center.

The Boston Children's Hospital's Neuroscience Program provides comprehensive, condition-specific care from a team of clinicians led by internationally known pediatric neurologists, neurosurgeons, psychiatrists and neuropsychologists. Children and teens with complex conditions involving the brain—such as epilepsy, brain tumors, brain injury, and vascular malformations—need a specialized team behind every treatment decision. Our integrated treatment centers combine the collective expertise of pediatric neurologists, neurosurgeons, psychiatrists, neuropsychologists, neurophysiologists, neurosciences nurses, and education and support specialists, with the expertise of subspecialists throughout Children's to deliver the best outcomes and quality of life.

In the Center for Neuropsychology, clinical assessment is approached from a neurodevelopmental systems perspective which addresses:

-- the child as a whole
-- the child in context (social, cultural, familial, academic, societal)
-- the neural substrates of behavior
-- psychological processes
-- developmental change in brain and behavior.

The assessment strategy emphasizes the close relationship of evaluation and management, broad-based data gathering, integration of variables of diversity and culture, the importance of ecologically-valid interventions, and parent/child/teacher education. Consultation with a wide variety of professionals in medical, educational and mental health settings and short-term interventions with children and parents around issues of adjustment and behavioral management related to problems arising from neuropsychological deficits are provided as needed.
Neuropsychological Assessment of Children. Children are referred by sources within and outside the Hospital, including neurologists, neurosurgeons, oncologists, psychiatrists, psychologists, and other physicians and nursing personnel from a wide variety of clinics. Children of all ages are seen, as well as some adults with developmental disorders or medical disorders dating from childhood. Assessment is sought around a number of issues:

-- evaluation of neuropsychological strengths and weaknesses, including cognitive and socio-emotional status, control processes, motor/sensory and academic skills;
-- documentation of neurocognitive abilities;
-- differential diagnosis of neurobehavioral disorders;
-- differential diagnosis of neuropsychological versus psychological disorders;
-- intervention and educational planning;
-- psychosocial adjustment and development;
-- monitoring of behavioral change over development or as a function of medical/surgical treatment.

Postdoctoral Residency in Pediatric Neuropsychology

The Center for Neuropsychology offers a two-year, full-time fellowship that provides training in clinical neuropsychological assessment of children and clinical research in epilepsy, leukemia, traumatic brain injury, congenital heart disease, learning disabilities/disorders, spina bifida, genetic disorders, and neuro-oncology. The program is designed to conform to Houston Conference guidelines for training in neuropsychology and prepares candidates for board certification in clinical neuropsychology through ABPP/ABCN. The goal of our program is to prepare for independent specialty practice in pediatric neuropsychology.

Detailed program information available at [http://www.childrenshospital.org/NeuropsychologyFellowship](http://www.childrenshospital.org/NeuropsychologyFellowship)

Overall Program Goals

A. To train for competent, ethical, culturally sensitive, independent practice in the specialty of clinical neuropsychology focusing on the neuropsychology of the developing child.

B. To teach a neurodevelopmental systems approach to neuropsychological assessment in the context of an advanced understanding of brain-behavior relationships that addresses:
   a. the child as a whole
   b. the child in context (social, familial, academic, cultural, societal)
   c. the neural substrates of behavior
   d. psychological processes
   e. developmental change in brain and behavior.

C. In the tradition of the scientist-practitioner model, to develop habits of scholarly inquiry, critical thinking, and life-long learning in the behavioral sciences as these apply to clinical practice, research investigation, and ongoing professional development.

D. To prepare residents for board certification in clinical neuropsychology by the American Board of Professional Psychology

E. To train future leaders and educators in the field of pediatric neuropsychology

Clinical Activities: Postdoctoral fellows are involved in direct clinical service in the Center for Neuropsychology for approximately 50% of their time. Fellows are involved in the general outpatient service throughout the two years of training in addition to specific clinical rotations (described below).

Fellows perform neuropsychological assessments:

1. By means of extended evaluations varying from three to six hours of testing over one to three sessions. For many patients, evaluations are delivered in a hybrid model that includes telehealth as well as in-person visits. Supervision in the planning of the evaluation, in test administration, in observation techniques, and in analysis and report preparation is provided by staff neuropsychologists. Fellows
participate in outpatient assessments throughout the two training years with a range of children and young adults with medical, neurological, and developmental disorders.

2. According to specific clinical protocols developed to address the special needs of particular neurological or medical populations (with senior staff supervision).

3. In consultation to specific medical/neurological specialty clinics (with staff supervision).

Opportunities are also available for fellows to develop culturally competent practice skills providing neuropsychology services in community and international service-learning projects. In addition, fellows who are fluent in Spanish can receive specialized training and supervision in neuropsychology with our two Latinx neuropsychologists.

**General outpatient service:** The Center for Neuropsychology at Boston Children's Hospital provides evaluation of children/adolescents with medical or neurological illnesses affecting the brain and development. Postdoctoral residents perform general outpatient evaluations for a range of neurological/medical conditions including spina bifida, childhood leukemia and other non-CNS neoplasms, genetic disorders, sickle cell disease, cardiovascular disorders, metabolic disorders, organ transplants, and neurosurgical interventions, among others. Fellows work with different supervisors throughout the two years of training in the outpatient service.

**Clinical rotations:** Clinical service time is split between specialized programs and general outpatient services. Rotations change every 6 months, and fellows have the opportunity to work with different faculty members over the course of their training.

1. Epilepsy Program: Fellows assigned to the Epilepsy Program are responsible for evaluating children undergoing multi-disciplinary work-ups for epilepsy surgery. The rotation involves consultation, assessment, and participation in multi-disciplinary team meetings. Fellows present their findings at the weekly Epilepsy Neurosurgery Rounds. Fellows are also involved in post-surgical evaluations, providing feedback to the medical team, parents, and schools. Goals of this rotation include expanding the knowledge base in the area of pediatric epilepsy, providing timely and tailored evaluations and consultations to medical team, and developing consultation and communication skills in a fast-paced medical environment. Opportunities for participating in Wada procedures and cortical mapping are available as well. Second-year fellows can attend Neurology Chief’s Rounds and Neuropathology Rounds.

2. Neuro-oncology: Fellows assigned to Neuro-oncology perform neuropsychological evaluations with children followed in the Dana Farber Cancer Institute Brain Tumor Program. Responsibilities include participation in weekly multi-disciplinary clinics and consultation with treatment teams. Fellows will work closely with clinicians from the School Liaison Program at the Dana Farber Cancer Institute in the management of patients. Opportunities for developing school consultation skills through school observations and educational team meetings are available. Goals for the rotation include expanding knowledge of brain-behavior relationships, medical issues, and intervention management relevant in children with brain tumors; refining neuropsychological assessment and formulation skills; and developing multi-disciplinary consultation skills.

3. Learning Disabilities Program: Fellows function as members of a multi-disciplinary team providing comprehensive assessments of children with learning disorders. Fellows work with a team of neurologists, psychologists, psychiatrists, speech/language pathologists, reading specialists, and math specialists. The rotation includes evaluation, consultation, supervision, and participation in team deliberations. Goals for the rotation include gaining familiarity with a range of learning disorders, developing tailored evaluation techniques, and refining consultation skills within an interdisciplinary team setting.
4. Neuropsychology Psychology Intern Clinic: In this rotation, second-year fellows develop supervision and teaching skills in neuropsychology by supervising psychology interns in their neuropsychological assessment rotation. Fellows work closely with neuropsychology staff to develop supervision, leadership, and clinic management skills.

5. Brain Injury Center: The Brain Injury Center cares for children from birth through young adulthood who have had a head or spinal cord injury. The goal of the program is to provide the best care practices for the entire spectrum from prevention through long-term follow-up. As a part of the center, fellows perform inpatient consultations and screenings for children admitted to the hospital for head injuries. Fellows also participate in a multi-disciplinary clinic providing consultation for children and young adults who suffered head injuries. They work with the staff neuropsychologist and specialists from psychiatry, neurology, trauma, neurosurgery, physical therapy, and occupational therapy to develop treatment plans. Fellows will also be involved in a concussion clinic focused on ongoing management and follow-up of mild head injuries. The Center is also involved in ongoing follow-up, educational, prevention, and program evaluation activities.

**Elective experiences**: Fellows can select additional clinical experiences in stroke, congenital heart disease, infant/toddler assessment, and spina bifida.

**Research Activities**: Fellows will meet with faculty early in the program to develop personal goals for research during their two-year stay. This may include working on their existing research projects, such as bringing dissertation research to publication, or undertaking new projects, using existing data sets in areas of investigation in our program. These include long-term neurobehavioral outcomes of children treated for cancer (brain tumors, leukemia), the neurodevelopmental bases of learning disabilities, neuropsychological outcomes in spina bifida, and neurobehavioral consequences of epilepsy, HIV/AIDS, neurofibromatosis, congenital heart disease, cerebrovascular disorders, and head injury. They will also be assigned to currently active research projects where they can participate in data collection and data management and participate in research design and methodology deliberations. Fellows will attend monthly didactic sessions, focusing on skills that will prepare them for independence as investigators, such as reviewing and writing journal articles, as well as preparing IRB protocols and grants.

**Didactic Seminars/Supervision**: Fellows attend seminars focusing on clinical, academic/research, and professional issues. The Neuropsychology Seminar is coordinated by the faculty of the Center for Neuropsychology. Clinical topics covered include: theoretical bases of assessment; diagnostic methodology; selection, administration and interpretation of tests/tasks/techniques; communication of findings, written (chart notes, consults, formal reports) and oral (feedback sessions); strategies for intervention and management; consultation in the medical setting and with outside professionals. Brain-behavior relationships in children, learning disabilities and learning disorders, developmental neuropathology, clinical research design, and professional issues will also be discussed in detail throughout the year. Fellows also attend a weekly small group seminar that includes a functional neuroanatomy/behavioral neurology tutorial, research skills training, fact-finding, and advanced clinical analysis over the course of the two-year residency. Fellows also attend the Center for Brain/Mind Medicine Seminar Series (Brigham & Women’s Hospital) and the Longwood Area Neuropsychology Seminar. Fellows may attend Boston Children’s Hospital Neurology, Neurosurgery, and Psychiatry Rounds and are expected to participate in the many conferences and seminars offered in the hospital, Harvard Medical School, and local institutions.

Supervision is provided by the faculty in the Center for Neuropsychology and involves in vivo observation as well as one-to-one meetings. Fellows receive a minimum of three hours of supervision per week and have the opportunity to work with several different supervisors over the course of their training. Group supervision experiences are also provided to address clinical analysis skills, professional development, and preparation for board certification. At the beginning of the training year, and on a regular basis thereafter, the fellow’s training needs are reviewed and discussed. Arrangements are made to provide appropriate
didactic experiences to meet educational needs. Participation in other clinics in the hospital to obtain specialized training in specific areas can be arranged on an individual basis with the postdoctoral fellow. Progress, competencies, and training goals are evaluated on a regular basis.

**Positions**

The Center for Neuropsychology, Boston Children's Hospital is offering two postdoctoral fellowship positions in Neuropsychology for the 2021-2023 training period. This is a TWO-YEAR, FULL-TIME training experience in which the fellow’s time will be divided between clinical service delivery in the Center, didactics, and research activities. Travel support is available for conference participation for fellows presenting research. The Boston Children's Hospital Postdoctoral Residency in Neuropsychology Program is a member of the Association of Postdoctoral Programs in Clinical Neuropsychology (APPCN), the standards, procedures, and mission of which it endorses.

**Qualifications**

Applicants must present evidence of: substantial clinical experience with children, including use and interpretation of basic psychological tests; of coursework in physiological psychology, neuroanatomy, and neuropsychology; of training and competence in addressing issues of diversity and individual differences; and of a commitment to clinical research. Please include a list of relevant courses (title, instructor, location, year) and representative publications or published abstracts with application.

**Application Procedures**

Interested candidates are asked to forward the following materials via email: Letter of interest, application information sheet, curriculum vitae, certified transcript of all doctoral work, copies of two neuropsychological evaluation reports, and three letters of reference. APPCN verification of completion of doctoral studies form is also required. Please contact Ms. Courtney Kellogg, email courtney.kellogg@childrens.harvard.edu to obtain more information. Please submit application materials electronically to Ms. Kellogg by **December 14, 2020** and send original of letters of reference and transcripts of graduate studies by mail to Ms. Courtney Kellogg, Training Programs in Psychiatry & Psychology, Boston Children's Hospital, 300 Longwood Avenue, BCH 3022, Boston, MA 02115. Early application is encouraged. All materials must be received by **December 14, 2020**.

The Boston Children's Hospital Neuropsychology Postdoctoral Training Program is a member of the Association of Postdoctoral Programs in Clinical Neuropsychology and participates in the Resident Matching Program administered by the National Matching Service. Information about the APPCN Resident Matching Program is available at [www.natmatch.com/appcnmat](http://www.natmatch.com/appcnmat). Instructions about the match and a copy of the Applicant Agreement form required to register for the match are available at this web site. APPCN member programs expect applicants to have completed all requirements for the doctoral degree prior to beginning a postdoctoral residency. All registered applicants in the APPCN Match should download the Doctoral Training Verification Form from the APPCN web site ([www.appcn.org](http://www.appcn.org)) and have the form completed by their dissertation advisor or Director of Clinical Training. This form should be submitted with application materials. Only those applicants who register for and participate in the Match can be matched to our program. Further information is available on the APPCN Web Site [www.appcn.org](http://www.appcn.org). Our program code number is: 9673

**Interviews:** We will be interviewing via video conferencing prior to the International Neuropsychological Society annual meeting in February 2021. Several virtual interview days will be available for fellows to interview with our faculty and learn about the program.

For further information contact Celiane Rey-Casserly, PhD, ABPP/ABCN, Director, Center for Neuropsychology (617 355 6708); fax 617 730-0319; celiane.rey-casserly@childrens.harvard.edu.
The Deaf and Hard of Hearing Program provides training experiences within an interdisciplinary team approach to evaluation and consultation services for children with known hearing loss. The program’s clinical team includes hearing and deaf professionals, all of whom are experienced in working with infants, children, and adolescents who are deaf or hard of hearing and their families. Patients of the program span the pediatric age range — from infancy through late adolescence, and sometimes into young adulthood. Most present with complex developmental, behavioral, psychosocial, medical, and/or learning challenges.

Referrals to the clinic come from physicians, mental health professionals, school administrators, social service agencies, and caregivers. Evaluations conducted through the program may serve in establishing a baseline of developmental status and then monitoring a child’s developmental progress; providing data on which to base decisions about programming; and contributing to planning for services according to the medical, therapeutic, and educational needs of the child and family. Psychologists on the interdisciplinary team conduct interviews with the child and family, as well as assessments of cognitive, neuropsychological, psychomotor, social-emotional, and psycho-educational aspects of the child. Collaboration with medical professionals, particularly those in Otolaryngology, Neurology, Psychiatry, and Developmental Behavioral Pediatrics, is a critical component of the evaluation and planning process.

Position
The Deaf and Hard of Hearing Program is offering one postdoctoral fellowship position for the 2021-2022 training year. This is a one-year position. The fellow’s time is divided between clinical service delivery, didactics, and supportive research, teaching, and community service activities.

Clinical Service Delivery
Involvement in clinical activities is expected for 60% of the postdoctoral fellow’s time. Clinical opportunities will include: consultation to the Cochlear Implant team; psychological evaluation of deaf and hard of hearing children; interdisciplinary assessments with other clinicians on the team; and, short-term psychotherapeutic and health psychology intervention with children and family members.

Supervision
Supervision is provided by the psychology faculty in the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Program and involves observation of clinical work as well as one-to-one meetings. The fellow receives a minimum of two hours of supervision per week and has the opportunity to work with several different supervisors. At the beginning of the year, an individual training plan is developed to guide progress, self-reflection, and promote regular review and discussion of the fellow’s training needs.

Research and Scholarship
Development of personal research goals is strongly encouraged, and contribution to ongoing projects is expected. These include developmental outcomes for children who receive cochlear implants, remote assessment for deaf and hard of hearing children, and cognitive and psychosocial consequences of late and/or insufficient access to language. The fellow will regularly attend project meetings to keep up-to-date on program- and department-level research and quality improvement efforts, and participate in biweekly journal club to gain knowledge of recent literature and strengthen skills needed for independent scholarship. The fellow can participate in writing journal articles, as well as preparing IRB protocols and grants.

The Deaf and Hard of Hearing Program’s interdisciplinary team actively contributes to local, regional, and national conferences in our field. Scholarly contributions include professional development workshops and lectures, dissemination of best practices, and original research. Individual research and scholarship goals are discussed at the beginning of the training year, with the aim of producing at least one poster or workshop for presentation at a professional meeting. Travel support is available for participation at conferences.
Didactic Seminars
The fellow attends seminars focusing on clinical, academic/research, and professional issues. The Psychology Program at Boston Children's Hospital hosts regular professional development seminars attended by fellows in all specialization programs. Previously covered topics include licensure, academic career development, and professional liability insurance.

Within the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Program, a biweekly seminar covers topics relevant to professional psychologists serving the deaf and hard of hearing community. These include legal, ethical, and professional standards germane to providing clinical care to deaf and hard of hearing children and youth; sensorimotor, neurological, cognitive, language, and psychosocial outcomes associated with common etiologies of hearing loss; adaptation of standard psychological and neuropsychological assessment techniques to appropriately characterize individual strengths and weaknesses; differential diagnosis complicated by delays or deficits in language; interdisciplinary clinical care; and, consultation to medical colleagues and educational systems.

A weekly seminar is coordinated by the faculty of the Center for Neuropsychology, and is attended by the DHHP fellow. Clinical topics covered include: theoretical bases of assessment; diagnostic methodology; selection, administration, and interpretation of tests/ tasks/techniques; communication of findings, written (chart notes, consults, formal reports) and oral (feedback sessions); strategies for intervention and management; consultation in the medical setting and with outside professionals. Brain-behavior relationships in children, learning disabilities and learning disorders, developmental neuropathology, clinical research design, and professional issues will also be discussed in detail throughout the year.

The fellow also has the option to attend a biweekly small group neuroanatomy/behavioral neurology tutorial, if this fits their training goals. The fellow is strongly encouraged to take advantage of the many conferences and seminars offered in the hospital, Harvard Medical School, and local institutions, such as the Center for Brain/Mind Medicine Seminar Series (Brigham & Women's Hospital). The fellow is expected to attend Boston Children’s Hospital Psychiatry Ground Rounds.

Qualifications
Applicants must present evidence of an ongoing commitment to serving deaf and hard of hearing children and families. Successful applicants will demonstrate awareness of: current trends in the literature on language, cognitive, psychological, and academic development of deaf and hard of hearing children; of the wide range of communication, language, academic, audiological, medical/surgical, and psychological considerations relevant for clinical service delivery and management planning; and, of historical trends in deaf culture, deaf education, sign language linguistics, hearing assistive technologies, and, deaf mental health care. Competency in American Sign Language is desirable, but fluency is not a requirement for application.

Substantial experience in pediatric and child clinical psychology, and/or pediatric neuropsychology is required, including use and interpretation of basic psychological tests and strong writing skills. Experience delivering outpatient psychotherapy is highly desirable, as is a commitment to clinical research.

For more information about the fellowship, please contact Dr. Matthew Fasano-McCarron at matthew.fasano@childrens.harvard.edu.
Developmental Medicine Center
Clinically Focused Fellowship

The Developmental Medicine Center (DMC) at Boston Children’s Hospital is dedicated to improving the lives of children and adolescents with neurodevelopmental, learning, and behavioral difficulties, and their families, through integrated and collaborative clinical care, training, translational research, neuroscience, and community engagement. The interdisciplinary staff comprises developmental-behavioral pediatricians, child psychologists, educational specialists, nurse practitioners, neurologists, and child psychiatrists; in addition, there is the opportunity to consult, as needed, with specialists from a variety of programs including Speech-Language, Sleep Disorders, and Genetics. As a tertiary care site, the DMC accepts referrals for children with neurodevelopmental and behavioral challenges that are not well met in the general medical and mental health communities. Established in the 1980s, the goals of the DMC Psychology Fellowship Program are:

- To prepare fellows to pursue careers in academic health centers or other health care settings by providing them with the requisite skills to become outstanding clinicians, inspiring teachers, and contributors to the profession of psychology through active involvement in professional organizations and advocacy.

- To provide fellows with advance practice competency in assessing youth with neurodevelopmental disorders, including attention deficits, autism spectrum disorders, learning disabilities, intellectual disabilities, and regulatory problems, sometimes within the context of complex medical and/or psychosocial histories. Emphasis is placed on integrating the tenets of clinical psychology, developmental psychopathology, cognitive neuroscience, evidence-based interventions, and principles of child and family development.

- To facilitate advanced scholarly skills by being active consumers and producers of clinical research and making informed decisions regarding assessment and intervention.

The Training Experience

Clinical Activities

Postdoctoral fellows are involved in direct clinical service in the DMC for 60% of their time, including performing diagnostic assessments on interdisciplinary teams; consulting in hospital-based and community settings; providing feedback to parents and schools; and providing short-term treatment for anxiety, mood, disruptive behaviors, social skills deficits, elimination disorders, and feeding problems. The number and variety of programs contained within the DMC generally make it possible to adapt the fellow’s clinical experience to his or her learning needs and professional goals. Rotations are six months in length. The goals of rotations are to expand the fellow’s knowledge base of learning, developmental, medical, and behavioral disorders and co-morbid psychiatric conditions; provide timely and tailored evaluations; and develop consultation and communication skills in a fast-paced medical environment. There also are opportunities for fellows to work closely with psychology staff to develop supervisory and administrative skills. The DMC clinical programs available for fellowship rotations include:

Infant Team and Toddler Team: Infant Team and Toddler Team serve children under the age of 2 years, and between 2 and 3.5 years, respectively. Youth seen on these teams typically present with concerns for developmental delay and/or autism spectrum disorder. Team members often include developmental-behavioral pediatricians and psychologists. This team is currently being provided virtually, which may remain an option for the upcoming year.

Preschool Team: Preschool Team typically serves children between 3.5 and 6 years of age who present with concerns related to development, learning, and/or behavior. These children may have significant
language, cognitive, social, and motor difficulties of many different etiologies. Team members often include developmental-behavioral pediatricians, psychologists, and education specialists.

School Team: School Team serves youth from approximately 6 to 13 years of age with various presentations. Concerns may include those related to social, emotional, academic, and behavioral functioning. Team members often include developmental-behavioral pediatricians, psychologists, neuropsychologists, and education specialists.

Young Adult Team (YAT): Youth approximately 12 to 17 years of age are typically seen through YAT and may present with concerns related to social, behavioral, academic, and/or emotional functioning. Team members often include developmental-behavioral pediatricians and psychologists.

Advocating Success for Kids (ASK) Program: This program serves youth of all ages within two urban-based primary care centers who are referred by primary care providers. Youth are often referred because of concerns about developmental, learning, social-emotional, and/or behavioral problems. Additionally, children often present with complex psychosocial situations, possible prenatal substance exposure, and/or trauma history. The goal of this program is to screen children for such concerns and to advocate for appropriate services and interventions. An interdisciplinary team approach is utilized, with developmental-behavioral pediatricians, psychologists, social workers, and educational specialists.

Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities (LEND) Program: The LEND Team conducts comprehensive evaluation of youth of all ages. Youth seen through the LEND Team often present with developmental concerns within the context of complex medical presentations. In addition to a developmental-behavioral pediatrician and neuropsychologist, the LEND Team often has observers from various disciplines, including community advocates.

Adoption Team: Adoption Team provides assessment and consultation for youth of all ages who have been adopted domestically or internationally. Common concerns presenting on this team may include long-term abuse, neglect, or a history of institutionalization. Team members often include developmental-behavioral pediatricians, psychologists, and educational specialists.

Down Syndrome (DS) Program: The DS Program conducts interdisciplinary clinical evaluations of youth with Down syndrome from birth through 18 years of age. Program members work closely with children, parents, medical specialists, community physicians, and educators. The DS Program consists of a developmental-behavioral pediatrician, psychologist, neurologist, speech pathologist, physical therapist, nutritionist, dentist, and audiologist, as well as a program coordinator and resource specialist. Services provided by the psychologist on this team include consultation, assessment, parent training, and psychotherapy.

Consultation & Therapy: This service provides individual, group, and family therapy, such as Toilet Training School for parents and children with encopresis and enuresis; parent training for children with ADHD; behavioral and family-based treatment for feeding disorders; school consultation; and cognitive behavioral treatment for anxiety and mood in children and adolescents.

Research Opportunities

The research rotation allows fellows the opportunity to participate in ongoing research projects in the Division of Developmental Medicine (DDM) and/or quality improvement efforts. Fellows are matched with research advisors from the DDM faculty. Along with developmental-behavioral pediatrics fellows, psychology fellows participate in research seminars comprising didactic sessions, journal club, and skills training in research design, methods, and analysis. Additional activities include attending lectures in the Laboratories of Cognitive Neuroscience (LCN) directed by Charles Nelson, PhD. Based on availability of
research grants, a psychology fellow may elect to spend a second year in ongoing clinical research projects and/or define a discrete project that can be completed within a fellowship year.

Research projects in the DMC encompass topics and methods in basic science, translational, clinical, and health services research. There are methodologists and statisticians available to assist in planning studies and analyses, and when financially feasible, research assistants may be assigned to help with aspects of research. Research computers and standard statistical software are available for use by fellows in all programs. Please see the following for information regarding research studies in the division: http://www.childrenshospital.org/research-and-innovation/research/divisions/developmental-medicine.

Seminars, Supervision, & Educational Activities

The DMC dedicates one half-day per week for education and professional development of staff and fellows, including a monthly interdisciplinary meeting and forum for special presentations; morbidity and mortality conference; case conference; and journal club. There also are weekly seminars for psychology fellows that focus on neurodevelopmental, medical, and psychiatric disorders; feeding, sleep, and toileting disorders; psychological assessment of complex cases; evidence-based interventions; educational methodology for teaching; advocacy; and professional development. There are several opportunities each year to visit community agencies, specialized schools, or other clinical programs at BCH.

Supervision is provided by the staff in the DMC Psychology Program and involves in-vivo observations as well as individual meetings. Each fellow receives a minimum of three hours of supervision per week. There is a supervisor assigned for each clinical rotation, and fellows have the opportunity to work with several different supervisors over the course of their training. Group supervision experiences are provided to address clinical assessment skills, professional development, and preparation for licensure and board certification. Participation in other clinics in the hospital to obtain specialized training can be arranged on an individual basis. Progress, competencies, and training goals are evaluated on a regular basis.

There are opportunities for fellows to become active participants in the DDM’s robust Quality and Performance Program (QPP), which oversees all quality improvement (QI) activities. Fellows can attend team leadership meetings and quality improvement seminars, develop quality metrics for clinical outcomes and processes, review data for ongoing projects, and propose, implement, and present their own mentored QI project. Emphasis is placed on developing solid working knowledge of quality improvement principles and strategies for rigorous and effective implementation.

Finally, within the DDM and in the broader Boston Children’s Hospital / Harvard Medical School community, there is a wide array of educational opportunities, including seminars, lectures, and trainings that fellows are required or encouraged to attend.

Positions

The DMC is offering 2-3 postdoctoral fellowship positions for the 2021-2022 training year. This is a full time, one-year training experience during which the fellow’s time will be divided between clinical service delivery, didactics, and scholarly activities. The option for a second-year advanced fellowship may be available with consideration of funding and matching fellow / program interests.

Qualifications

Applicants should have substantial clinical experience with children, including use and interpretation of psychological and neuropsychological tests, coursework in child development and developmental psychopathology, and experience with evidence-based treatment and developmental disabilities; training and competence in addressing issues of diversity and individual differences; and a commitment to clinical research.
Questions about the DMC fellowship are best addressed via email to Kate Linnea, PhD (kate.linnea@childrens.harvard.edu).
Developmental Medicine Center
Combined Clinical/Research Fellowship

The Division of Developmental Medicine (DDM) at Boston Children’s Hospital is dedicated to improving the lives of children and adolescents with developmental, learning, and behavioral difficulties and their families through integrated and collaborative clinical care, training, clinical and translational research, neuroscience, and community engagement and collaboration. The interdisciplinary staff comprises developmental-behavioral pediatricians, child psychologists, educational specialists, nurse practitioners, neurologists, and child psychiatrists; in addition, there is the opportunity to consult, as needed, with specialists from a variety of programs, including Speech-Language, Sleep Disorders, and Genetics. As a tertiary care site, the Developmental Medicine Center (DMC) accepts referrals for children with developmental and behavioral challenges that are not well met in the general medical and mental health communities.

The DDM Combined Clinical/Research Postdoctoral Fellowship Program is being offered for the 2021-2022 academic year. The goals of the Program are:

- To prepare fellows to pursue careers as clinician-researchers in academic health centers by providing them with the requisite skills to become independent researchers and outstanding clinicians, as well as inspiring teachers and contributors to the profession of psychology.

- To provide fellows with the training and mentorship required to launch an independent research career in developmental/neurodevelopmental disabilities.

- To provide fellows with advance practice competency in assessing youth with neurodevelopmental disorders, including attention deficits, autism spectrum disorders, learning disabilities, intellectual disabilities, and regulatory problems, sometimes within the context of complex medical and/or psychosocial histories. Emphasis is placed on integrating the tenets of clinical psychology, developmental psychopathology, cognitive neuroscience, evidence-based interventions, and principles of child and family development.

The Combined Clinical/Research Psychology Fellowship is two years with the possibility of a third year, depending on the scope of the fellow’s independent research project, progress in the program, and availability of funding. The first year of fellowship will focus more heavily on clinical training, with the expectation that the fellow will use the first year to develop an independent research project, including writing a proposal as well as getting necessary infrastructure in place. The clinical-research fellow may apply for independent funding and is expected to participate in their mentor’s lab or research group during the first year to learn necessary skills for their own project. The second and optional third years of fellowship are dedicated primarily to conducting mentored independent research. During the first two years of fellowship, the clinical-research fellow will accrue supervised clinical hours that can be applied toward the pursuit of licensure. Throughout fellowship, the fellow will also be encouraged to build his or her publication and presentation portfolio. In addition to direct mentorship and clinical supervision, the fellow will have statistical support available as well as opportunities to participate in didactic sessions related to research training through Boston Children’s Hospital or Harvard Catalyst and will be a part of a community of research post-docs in the DDM.

The Training Experience

Research Activities

Postdoctoral fellows will work directly with one of the established research labs or groups in the DDM. The specific research opportunities for each application year will vary based on funding. For applicants who will start in the 2021-2022 academic year, research opportunities are available through the Laboratories of Cognitive Neuroscience (LCN) within the Nelson Laboratory and Faja Laboratory.
Faja Laboratory:
Current activities in the Faja lab include the use of physiology, eye tracking, and behavioral measures to better understand treatment response and individual differences in children with autism spectrum disorders, ADHD, and developmental delays. Dr. Faja’s work is NIH funded. Fellows will have an opportunity to participate in ongoing projects and develop their own project on related topics. Some specific skills that a fellow may learn through the Faja lab include research reliable diagnostic evaluations for autism spectrum disorder (ADOS-2, ADI-R), use of electrophysiological measures with clinical populations, and longitudinal/clinical trial research design. The Faja lab also has numerous opportunities for scientific writing and developing grantsmanship skills.

Nelson Laboratory:
The overarching goal of the Nelson Laboratory is to elucidate the relation between brain and behavioral development. There are numerous research opportunities across areas of study within the Nelson lab, depending on the applicant’s interests and training thus far. Dr. Nelson’s work is funded through NIH as well as other sources (e.g., the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation) and includes several longitudinal investigations. The three major areas of study include: the early identification and trajectory of autism; effect of early adversity on brain and behavioral development (conducted in local and international populations); and the development and neural basis of facial recognition, with particular interest on early recognition of facial emotion and its potential link to anxiety over time. In addition to participating in ongoing projects within the Nelson lab, fellows also will have the opportunity to develop their own project on related topics. Skill areas that a postdoctoral fellow will obtain/continue to enhance include those related to the use of neuroimaging, clinical interviewing, neuropsychological assessment, physiological data processing, longitudinal research design, scientific writing, and grantsmanship.

General:
Clinical/research fellows will have the opportunity to interact with PIs and post-docs across research groups, which include: 1) the Laboratories of Cognitive Neuroscience (LCN), comprising three independent labs (including the Faja, Nelson, and Gaab laboratories) dedicated to furthering our understanding of brain and cognitive development in typically developing infants and children, as well as children who have experienced adversity, and those diagnosed with or at risk for various neurodevelopmental disorders; 2) the Adolescent Substance Abuse Program (ASAP), which aims to identify ways to prevent or decrease substance abuse and associated problems in youth; 3) the Down Syndrome Research Program, which focuses on cognition, learning, and memory, as well as neurodevelopmental and behavioral impairments that commonly co-occur in individuals with Down syndrome; and 4) the DMC Clinical Research Program, which conducts collaborative translational research to advance our understanding of the etiology, early identification, and treatment of developmental disorders. Please see the following for updated information regarding ongoing research studies in the division: http://www.childrenshospital.org/research-and-innovation/research/divisions/developmental-medicine

Clinical Activities
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Supervision is provided by the staff in the DMC Psychology Program and involves in-vivo observations as well as one-to-one meetings. There is a supervisor assigned for each clinical rotation, and fellows have the opportunity to work with several different supervisors over the course of their training. Group supervision experiences are provided to address clinical analysis skills, professional development, and preparation for licensure and board certification. At the beginning of the training year and, on a regular basis thereafter, fellows' training needs are reviewed and discussed with the training directors. Participation in other clinics in the hospital to obtain specialized training can be arranged on an individual basis. Progress, competencies, and training goals are evaluated on a regular basis. Additionally, Dr. Faja is a licensed psychologist and provides supervision for fellows in the Clinical-Research Track who conduct clinical research assessments in the LCN.

Positions

The DDM is offering 2 combined clinical/research postdoctoral fellowship positions beginning in the 2021-2022 training year. This is a full time, two-year training experience, with the possibility of a third year, during which the fellow's time will be divided between clinical service delivery, didactics, and mentored independent research. The option for a third year of fellowship (second research year) is dependent on the scope of the fellow's chosen research project, successful progress in the program, and considerations of funding. Psychology fellows hold clinical appointments in the Boston Children's Hospital Department of Psychiatry and academic appointments in the Harvard Medical School Department of Psychiatry.

Qualifications

Applicants must have received significant research training, be planning a clinical research career with an emphasis on developmental/neurodevelopmental disorders, and have an existing track record of scholarly publication and research presentations. Applicants should have a strong background in research with clinical populations and/or methods in relevant areas of focus, including knowledge of commonly used assessment measures or evidence-based interventions, as applicable. Clinically, applicants should have substantial clinical experience with children, including use and interpretation of psychological and neuropsychological tests; coursework in child development and developmental psychopathology; experience with evidence-based treatment and developmental disabilities; and training and competence in addressing issues of diversity and individual differences. Individuals applying will ideally have training in developmental cognitive neuroscience, although this is not required.
Questions about the DMC fellowship are best addressed via email to Kate Linnea, PhD (kate.linnea@childrens.harvard.edu).
Gender Multispecialty Service (GeMS) and Center for Gender Surgery (CfGS)

The Gender Multispecialty Service (GeMS) and the Center for Gender Surgery (CfGS) are state-of-the-art clinical programs that provide individualized, safe, and affirmative care to gender-diverse and transgender individuals and their families. The GeMS program was the first gender affirming clinic for youth in the country and provides medical and behavioral health care and support for children and young adults between the ages of 3 and 25. The Center for Gender Surgery is one of the few programs in the country that provides gender affirmative surgical care for adolescents, offering top surgeries starting at age 15 and bottom surgeries for young adults through age 35. Our joint mission is to assess and care for gender-diverse children, teens, and young adults. We also seek to advance the field of transgender health through excellence in clinical care, advancement of research, and training of clinicians – both inside the hospital and out. We strongly believe in a team approach to care, and our interdisciplinary teams include social workers, psychologists, medical providers, and trainees across several disciplines.

We are excited to offer one postdoctoral fellowship position in psychology. The fellow will have extensive clinical training that focuses on direct clinical care of gender-diverse patients. The fellowship will provide weekly individual clinical supervision, regular research supervision, and interdisciplinary supervision by social workers and medical providers where appropriate. Clinical services to be provided include diagnostic assessment, psychoeducation for patients and families, hormone readiness assessments, surgery readiness assessments, and liaising with the interdisciplinary treatment team, outpatient therapists, primary care physicians, etc. Training experiences include participation in weekly clinical rounds and departmental didactic seminars as well as training in group psychotherapy and evidence-based mindfulness. Fellows may have the opportunity to travel and present their research at local or national conferences. Fellows may also have the opportunity to teach and/or supervise trainees within the program.

The fellow can expect that approximately 25% of their time will be dedicated to applied research. Research opportunities for the fellow will be coordinated and supervised by the surgery center; areas of current research include a longitudinal study of factors affecting satisfaction with gender surgery, decision regret after breast/chest surgery in gender-diverse and cisgender patients, and the psychosocial effects of being asked to discontinue gender affirming hormones before having surgery. Potential research activities include study design, data abstraction and analysis, grant writing, and manuscript preparation. Fellows will participate in ongoing research initiatives, and there may be opportunities to develop independent projects. Evidence of a research project will be expected by the end of the fellowship year.

The fellowship is a full-time, 12-month position consisting of clinical training in gender affirmative care and applied clinical research. The option for a second-year advanced fellowship may be available with consideration of funding and matching fellow/program interests.

LGBTQ candidates, particularly those of color, and individuals with previous experience in gender affirmative care are encouraged to apply. The supervisory team is committed to building the diversity of our program for the benefit of our trainees, staff, and patients.

Questions about the GeMS and CfGS fellowship are best addressed via email to Kerry McGregor, PhD (kerry.mcgregor@childrens.harvard.edu).
The psychology service in the Division of Gastroenterology, Hepatology, & Nutrition at Boston Children's Hospital provides outpatient mental health assessment, consultation, and treatment services to patients diagnosed with a wide variety of gastrointestinal illnesses. A large number of referrals to the GI psychology service are made by pediatric gastroenterologists providing treatment to patients diagnosed with motility and functional gastrointestinal conditions (e.g., Functional Abdominal Pain, Irritable Bowel Syndrome, Rumination Disorder, Encopresis), inflammatory bowel disease (i.e. Crohn's Disease, Ulcerative Colitis), celiac disease, and feeding disorders.

One postdoctoral fellowship position is available in the GI Psychology Service. This fellowship is a 12-month position consisting of clinical training in the psychological assessment and treatment of pediatric gastrointestinal conditions. The fellow will have the opportunity to learn and implement evidence-based psychological interventions, including cognitive behavioral therapy, acceptance and commitment therapy, biofeedback-assisted relaxation training, and clinical hypnosis. It is anticipated that the fellow will receive some of this training in the context of different specialty programs within the department, including the Functional Abdominal Pain Clinic, the Growth and Nutrition Program, and the Avoidant and Restrictive Food Intake Disorder Clinic. These programs are multidisciplinary in nature and consist of a team of psychologists, social workers, nutritionists, and physicians.

The fellow will also have the opportunity to participate in seminars and lectures in the Departments of Gastroenterology and Psychiatry at Boston Children’s Hospital. Although primarily a clinical position, approximately 20% of the fellow’s time will be spent participating in ongoing, applied research projects. The nature of the research project will depend on the interests of the fellow and identified opportunities to collaborate with members of the department. Clinical hours and supervision for licensure will be provided. Fellowship activities will occur at both our main hospital location (Boston) and at satellite locations (Waltham, MA and Lexington, MA).

Candidates with experience in pediatric psychology and in providing care to patients in a multidisciplinary clinic setting are encouraged to apply. Previous experience in working with patients diagnosed with gastrointestinal or chronic pain conditions is an asset but not a requirement.

Questions about the GI Psychology fellowship are best addressed via email to Julie Snyder, Psy.D. (julie.snyder@childrens.harvard.edu).
Leadership Education in Adolescent Health (LEAH) Training Program

The Leadership Education in Adolescent Health (LEAH) Program is a state-of-the-art, multidisciplinary training program, established in 1992 at the Boston Children's Hospital with support from the Maternal and Child Health Bureau, Health Resources and Services Administration, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The LEAH program, one of seven in the U.S. provides leadership training in adolescent health for psychologists, nutritionists, social workers, nurses and physicians so that they can become effective clinicians, teachers, program directors, and productive researchers in a variety of health care settings. We also train post-doctoral researchers in public health, epidemiology, and health disparities. We are proud of the commitment to interdisciplinary collaborations and the accomplishments of our graduates.

The Setting
The Division of Adolescent/Young Adult Medicine at Boston Children's Hospital was founded in 1951 as the first clinic specially targeted to the needs of adolescent patients. It is the site of the oldest adolescent medicine training program in the United States and for more than 65 years has provided comprehensive primary and specialty clinical care to diverse adolescents and young adults 10-25 years old from Boston, the suburbs, New England, and beyond. The Adolescent/Young Adult Medical Practice at Longwood and the satellites have more than 19,000 patient visits per year. Patients represent the range of racial/ethnic groups residing in the Boston area. One-third of patients in our clinic have Medicaid. Clinical services include primary and subspecialty care, integrated mental health treatment, family based treatment, psychopharmacology, HIV testing and care, reproductive health and gynecological services (menstrual problems, endometriosis, family planning and Long-Acting Reversible Contraception [LARC], sexually transmitted diseases and pregnancy), all mental health diagnoses, including specialty programs for eating disorders, obesity, binge eating disorders, internet addiction, HIV, and complex care problems, including chronic fatigue, transplant, and special health care needs.

Clinical Training
Clinical experience is gained with a focus on empirically validated treatments in an outpatient integrated medical and mental health setting within the Adolescent/Young Adult Practice. The training includes providing treatment in a primary and specialty care outpatient mental health program which addresses a range of presenting challenges including: depression, anxiety, ADHD, family issues, domestic violence, coping with chronic medical illness, substance abuse, and gender issues as well as the provision of services in the eating disorder programs (anorexia nervosa/bulimia and binge eating disorder). The Psychology training directors provide supervision and teaching and assist each fellow in selecting a component of the program for additional focused learning during the training year.

Education
The LEAH Fellows in Adolescent Medicine, Nursing, Nutrition, Social Work, and Psychology all participate in interdisciplinary and discipline-specific curricula, including seminars in adolescent medical problems, reproductive health, general mental health issues with an emphasis on eating disorders, HIV positive and at-risk youth, advocacy, public policy, prevention, human differences, health equity, adolescent development, research skills, and teaching.

The Program has more than 30 dedicated internationally recognized faculty who teach the seminars and continuing education courses, author research articles and reviews, write grants, and collaborate with state and federal programs and community-based organizations. The faculty and fellows give presentations to professional audiences, families and youth, schools, and public health conferences in addition to providing consultations for technical assistance to schools, professional organizations, government agencies, and other sites. The psychology fellow also teaches mental health concepts to medicine trainees (e.g. pediatric residents and medical students) who rotate through the clinic.
Research
The program is committed to undertaking research vital to the promotion of adolescent health and, therefore, involvement in research projects is an important component of training. The Division of Adolescent/Young Adult Medicine has an active research program with many nationally renowned, funded investigators who provide excellent mentoring to trainees. In addition, the program provides protected time for the fellow to complete a project, abstract, and/or article for publication.

Qualification & Training
In conjunction with the directors of the psychology program, each psychology fellow selects the specific components of his/her experiential phase of the program. The intent is to match the interests of the fellow with training opportunities at Boston Children's Hospital and Harvard Medical School, and then to plan a schedule that includes direct service, research, teaching, and leadership projects. A major objective is for the psychology fellow to be in multidisciplinary learning and service delivery environments that will advance adolescent/young adult health.

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The Pain Treatment Service

The Pain Treatment Service (PTS) at Boston Children’s Hospital is a multidisciplinary program specializing in pediatric pain management. Our program is the largest pediatric pain management program in the country and has served as a training ground for many current leaders in the field of pediatric pain management across disciplines. Psychology fellows in this program will develop their skills in the assessment and treatment of a wide range of chronic pain conditions. The PTS also includes specialty programs at a satellite location focusing on (1) chronic headache evaluation and treatment; and (2) intensive day hospital pediatric pain rehabilitation. Physicians, physical therapists, psychologists, nurses, and fellows work collaboratively on a clinical team to address the complex problems faced by these patients and their families. Fellows’ clinical time will be divided between 6 months in outpatient pain clinic settings and 6 months in an intensive interdisciplinary pain rehabilitation program.

We anticipate accepting 1 or 2 postdoctoral fellows for the 2021-2022 training year. The fellowship is a 12-month position consisting of clinical training in pediatric pain management, participation in seminars and lectures in the Psychiatry and Anesthesia Departments of Boston Children’s Hospital, direct clinical care of patients in outpatient and inpatient settings, and participation in ongoing research at the PTS. Clinical activities include outpatient assessment and treatment, including biofeedback and clinical hypnosis, with opportunities to participate in inpatient consults with the PTS if desired. Fellows will also co-facilitate our Comfort Ability day-long workshops focusing on cognitive behavioral pain management tools. Clinical hours and supervision for licensure will be provided. Fellowship activities will occur at both our main hospital (Boston) and satellite (Waltham, MA) locations.

A minimum of 20% of the fellow’s time will be spent participating in ongoing research projects. Current research opportunities include studies of school functioning in adolescents with chronic pain syndromes, treatment outcomes in intensive interdisciplinary pain rehabilitation, studies related to our Comfort Ability group-based pain coping workshops, family influences on the pediatric pain experience, and studies of stress-based biological risk factors related to chronic pain. Development and completion of independent projects is also supported. Applicants with previous experience with and commitment to applied clinical research are preferred.

The position requires a one-year commitment. The option for a second-year advanced fellowship may be available with consideration of funding and matching fellow/program interests.

Questions about the Pain Treatment Service fellowship are best addressed via email to Deirdre Logan, PhD (deirdre.logan@childrens.harvard.edu).
Psychiatry Consultation Service

The Psychiatry Consultation Service (PCS) provides consultation-liaison services for children, adolescents, young adults, and their families facing challenges related to medical illness and hospitalization, including new diagnoses, chronic illnesses, acute medical or psychiatric crises, and difficulty coping with hospitalization, on all inpatient medical and surgical units at Boston Children’s Hospital (BCH). In providing these clinical services, the PCS targets the teaching of consultation-liaison service model to trainees in child psychiatry and psychology, and aims to expand the academic knowledge base of behavioral medicine. One of the largest services in the country, clinicians include staff psychiatrists, psychologists, and social workers; 1-2 child psychiatry fellows; 3 postdoctoral psychology fellows; and 3-4 psychology interns. The PCS conducts over 1100 consultations a year.

The consultation-liaison service model is based on the biopsychosocial framework and provides a range of services during inpatient medical or surgical admissions, including diagnostic and emergency evaluations, as well as short-term therapeutic interventions. Clinicians work within an interdisciplinary model and collaborate with the many medical and surgical specialty and subspecialty teams. This interface between the psychiatric and medical/surgical services has been demonstrated to minimize the negative impact of the stressful experience, promote healthy coping, and help the child and family return to their prior state of emotional well-being.

Three postdoctoral fellowship positions in pediatric psychology are available within PCS. Each fellowship is a full-time, 12-month position consisting of clinical training in pediatric psychology consultation models and applied clinical research. The option for a second-year advanced fellowship may be available with consideration of funding and matching fellow/program interests. Training experiences include participation in the PCS rounds and seminars, pediatric psychology seminar, the postdoctoral fellow research seminar, and departmental didactic seminars. Postdoctoral fellows receive weekly individual supervision in addition to live supervision by psychology and psychiatry attendings.

Clinical activities include psychological consultation and treatment for children, adolescents, and young adults with acute or chronic medical and/or psychiatric conditions. Specific clinical services to be provided include appropriate consultation, diagnostic assessment and follow-up management of emotional problems, coping with physical illnesses, psychoeducation for youth and their families, support for unit health caregivers, liaison with interdisciplinary teams, pre-transplant evaluations, and managing/facilitating case transfers from the medical floors to the community or to intensive psychiatry treatment programs. Treatment interventions range from supportive therapy, cognitive behavioral therapy, biofeedback-assisted relaxation training, parent management strategies, insight-oriented interventions, and interdisciplinary collaboration for end of life care.

Each fellow can expect that approximately 20% of their time will be dedicated to applied research and academic pursuits. Current research and quality improvement opportunities exist in the areas of somatic symptom and related disorders, eating disorders, solid organ transplant, psychiatric boarding, consultation liaison outcomes, and treatment protocols for various psychiatric conditions. Potential research activities include study design, data analysis, grant writing, and manuscript preparation. Fellows will participate in ongoing research initiatives, with the opportunity to develop and complete independent projects. Evidence of a research product will be expected at the end of the fellowship year. Fellows will also be provided the opportunity to teach psychology interns, medical students and/or other trainees.

Candidates with previous experience in pediatric psychology, consultation models, and collaboration within multidisciplinary settings are encouraged to apply. Strong interest and commitment to applied research are also preferred. Questions about the PCS fellowship are best addressed via email to Kevin Tsang, Psy.D. (kevin.tsang@childrens.harvard.edu) or Kristine McKenna, PhD (kristine.mckenna@childrens.harvard.edu).
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