

Pediatric Psycho-oncology Externship, Pediatric Hematology, Oncology & Stem Cell Transplantation –

**** Funding secured; Offer will depend on lifting of Hiring Freeze.
Updates will be provided when applications are reviewed.***

The psychology fellowship in Pediatric Hematology, Oncology, and Stem Cell Transplantation at Columbia University Medical Center provides opportunities for direct clinical care for patients treated by the division. The division serves local and international patients with a range of hematological and oncological diseases, from birth until early adulthood. The fellow will have the opportunity to work with patients and their families at various stages of the diagnosis and treatment process and will become familiar with emotional and behavioral presentations and concerns that may arise during diagnosis, treatment, relapse, survivorship, and end-of-life.

Fellowship Experience

The fellow's primary responsibilities will be clinical in nature (psychodiagnostic intake appointments, therapy sessions, inpatient consults). The fellow will have opportunity to provide short and long-term therapy with patients and their families. Common presenting concerns include adjustment to medical illness and treatment, adherence to medical regimen, mood and behavior concerns, and management of chronic and acute pain. Fellows will participate in pre-bone marrow transplantation evaluations for patients and related-donors, as well as follow-up for patients hospitalized during the transplant process. Additionally, the fellow will participate in psychological screening of long-term survivors in the Center for Survivor Wellness. They will work closely with our educational liaison to identify and advocate for appropriate school-based services for patients.

The division is active in clinical research and part of the fellow's role will be conducting neuropsychological and psychological assessments for ongoing research studies. These studies may include clinical trials through the Children's Oncology Group (COG), Dana Farber Consortium, and industry sponsors. Any neuropsychological assessments will be under the supervision of a licensed neuropsychologist. Depending on their interests, the fellow can also contribute to scholarly products. The fellow will be part of a multidisciplinary team and will have the opportunity to interact with other clinical team members including physicians, nurses, nurse practitioners, social workers, and Child Life specialists. They will be expected to participate in divisional rounds, as well as attend divisional and psychiatry didactics.

The fellow will work closely with the supervising psychologist, and will receive individual and live supervision. Opportunities for professional development will be available.

Individuals are eligible if they:

- Complete an APA-accredited psychology internship
- Background in pediatric and/or child psychology
- Background in neuropsychology
- Bilingual in Spanish/English preferred

Length of fellowship: 1 year, with possibility of a 2nd year

Supervisor: Dara Steinberg, Ph.D.

Application Process: Those with experience in pediatric psychology are strongly encouraged to apply. Please submit a CV, cover letter, 2 letters of recommendations, and a letter of readiness to: dms2207@cumc.columbia.edu