

Clinical Post-Doctoral Fellowship in Neuropsychological Assessment of Learning Disabilities and Related Disorders

Columbia University Irving Medical Center and New York Presbyterian Hospital's (CUIMC/NYPH) Division of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry is accepting applications for the Clinical Post-Doctoral Fellowship in Pediatric Neuropsychology beginning September of 2022. We are recruiting applicants for two-year, full-time clinical post-doctoral fellowship positions based at the Promise Clinic. The mission of the Promise Clinic is to provide comprehensive neuropsychological assessment and advocacy to children and adolescents (age 4-21) from marginalized and vulnerable communities in New York City.

This post-doctoral fellowship is informed by the Houston Conference guidelines, and the training program utilizes a developmental model to provide thorough and comprehensive neuropsychological assessment for children presenting with neurodevelopmental conditions, including Learning Disabilities, ADHD, Autism Spectrum Disorders, and behavioral/psychiatric difficulties. There are also opportunities to work with patients who present with various complex medical conditions such as pediatric cancers, sickle cell disease, seizure disorders, genetic disorders, and prenatal complications. Fellows also have the opportunity to participate in innovative school-based programming ongoing in our clinic.

Throughout the fellowship, an emphasis is placed on increasing awareness of multicultural issues relevant to neuropsychological assessment and developing the capability to conduct culturally sensitive evaluations. Fellows regularly collaborate with multidisciplinary treatment teams, including psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers, medical residents, physicians, educational advocates, teachers and other related service providers. Additionally, fellows receive training in educational/legal advocacy, as well as how to interface and collaborate with school systems, including conducting school observations and attending IEP meetings. Additional responsibilities include training in administration of assessment for Autism evaluations, participating in ongoing research culminating in a conference poster presentation, contributing to didactics series and cross-service presentations, and supervision of pre-doctoral child psychology extern(s). Learning opportunities within the clinic and the broader academic community at CUIMC/NYPH include participating in didactics, case conferences, Grand Rounds in Psychiatry, Neurology, and Hematology/Oncology, multi-cultural journal club, fact finding training exercises, and specialty seminars (e.g., neuroanatomy and psychopharmacology). Individual and group supervision is provided on a weekly basis.

Upon completion of the fellowship, trainees are expected to have developed competencies in the following areas:

- Advanced skill in cross-cultural neuropsychological evaluations, treatment and consultation
- Advanced understanding of brain-behavior relationships
- Scholarly activity
- Completion of state licensure
- Eligibility for board certification in Clinical Neuropsychology

Qualifications of applicants:

- Completion of all doctoral requirements (including dissertation) prior to starting post-doctoral fellowship.

- Graduation from APA or CPA accredited doctoral programs and pre-doctoral internships (preferred).
- Prior coursework and clinical experiences in areas related to neuropsychology, neuroanatomy, child development, and clinical psychology.
- Fellows must initiate the limited permit application prior to starting this position.
- Candidates must possess excellent clinical and written communication skills.
- Candidates who are bilingual (Spanish) are especially encouraged to apply.

Salary and benefits are competitive. Interested applicants should send a CV, three letters of reference, a graduate transcript and one sample neuropsychological report by December 17, 2021. Confirmation of completion (or progress toward the doctorate) should be forwarded by the candidate's Director of Clinical Training. Please contact Dr. Meghan Tomb, 212-342-1600, for further information.

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