



Kennedy Krieger Institute

**Doctoral Externship Positions
Department of Neuropsychology
Kennedy Krieger Institute
Baltimore, Maryland**

Thank you for your interest in the doctoral externship training in the Department of Neuropsychology at the Kennedy Krieger Institute. We are now welcoming applications for the 2021-2022 training year.

TRAINING PROGRAM

The doctoral externship program in the Department of Neuropsychology at the Kennedy Krieger Institute provides doctoral students with an opportunity to work with a diversity of patient populations, age ranges, and cultural backgrounds. The Department of Neuropsychology has a commitment to excellence in training within our doctoral externship program, our APA-accredited internship program, and our post-doctoral fellowships in Pediatric Neuropsychology and Child Clinical Psychology.

Students will conduct one full assessment a week and are required to participate in all aspects of the assessment, including interview, testing, scoring, feedback, and report writing. Doctoral students are also required to participate in at least one didactic offered through Kennedy Krieger Institute or Johns Hopkins Hospital.

Our training model involves participation through one or two of the following experiences listed below, allowing for doctoral students to identify an assessment experience that will help meet their training goals.

The **Child Clinical Psychology** experience provides training in psychological assessment of children with a wide range of developmental disorders, including individuals with Tourette or other tic disorders, prematurity, sleep disturbances, anxiety or mood difficulties, and Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD). Recommendations from evaluations seek to ameliorate difficulties associated with social, emotional, behavioral, and educational functioning.

The **Pediatric Neuropsychology** experience provides training in neuropsychological assessment of children with a wide range of neurodevelopmental and central nervous system disorders. The clinics evaluate children and young adults with primary medical diagnoses including: hematological and oncological concerns (e.g., brain tumors, leukemia, etc.), genetic disorders (e.g., XXY, muscular dystrophies, 22q11 deletion syndromes, etc.), congenital abnormalities (e.g., spina bifida, chronic kidney disease, etc.), prematurity with multiple complications, acquired brain injury, and epilepsy. Recommendations from evaluations seek to ameliorate the impact of brain impairment on cognitive, social, emotional and educational functioning. Within the Pediatric Neuropsychology experience, additional opportunities to work with 1) a bilingual neuropsychologist and Spanish speaking families or 2) a neuropsychologist who specializes in autism spectrum disorder at the Kennedy Krieger Institute Center for Autism and Related Disorders are available.

COMMITMENT

The externship position at the Kennedy Krieger Institute requires the ability to complete a **12-month externship and commitment of two full days (16 hours) a week**. One day is usually assigned for face-to-face contact with a patient and the second day is usually reserved for report writing, other clinical duties, and supervision (though some flexibility in this schedule may be needed in light of completing assessments during COVID-19). Placements are offered at several of our outpatient centers in both **Baltimore City and Columbia**.

The training year typically begins on either **July 1 or September 1**. Prior to a position being offered, doctoral students will indicate their availability. All days of the week are available, but specific positions will vary based on the student's and supervisor's availability.

Generally, students have completed their second year of doctoral training prior to starting this doctoral externship. We find it beneficial that students have had exposure to the basics of testing (e.g., intellectual or academic assessment) prior to starting our externship.

Externs are paid a stipend of \$2500/year.

SUPERVISION

Doctoral externs receive, at minimum, one hour of individual and one hour of group supervision a week. Group supervision is typically obtained through morning and noon clinic-based rounds. Supervisors typically take a developmental approach, identifying the doctoral student's prior experience and goals, in order to help build the skills necessary for competency in psychological assessment.

APPLICATION PROCESS

If interested in applying for the doctoral externship in the Department of Neuropsychology at Kennedy Krieger Institute, send the following by email:

1. Letter of interest that states which experiences you are interested in being considered for (i.e., Clinical Psychology, Pediatric Neuropsychology)
2. Curriculum vita (CV)
3. Three letters of reference (emailed directly from the letter writer)

Please submit application materials by Friday, January 29, 2021 to NPEexternship@KennedyKrieger.org.

Interviews will be held via Zoom during the last two weeks of February (February 15-25, 2021).

If you have additional questions, please contact Externship Training coordinators Tanisha E. Drummond, PsyD, ABPP and Dasal Jashar, PhD at NPEexternship@KennedyKrieger.org.