Kennedy Krieger Institute Postdoctoral Fellowship in Child Clinical Psychology: Assessment Track

Kennedy Krieger Institute and Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine
Baltimore, Maryland
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Overview

The Department of Neuropsychology at Kennedy Krieger Institute offers postdoctoral training opportunities in child clinical psychology. The goal of the child clinical psychology fellowship is to train clinical psychologists in performing evidence-based assessments of, and interventions for, youth with neurodevelopmental and psychiatric disorders. In accordance with the scientist-practitioner model of training and practice, postdoctoral fellows will receive training in evidence-based assessment and intervention via didactic instruction, specific skill modeling, supervised and independent practice, and direct evaluation of research. Postdoctoral fellows will be positioned to become leaders in the fields of pediatric neurodevelopmental disorders and psychiatric disabilities, having developed a broad array of relevant clinical, research and training skills. Fellows spend approximately 70 percent of their time delivering clinical services, and 30 percent on didactic learning and research experiences.

Our postdoctoral fellowship program offers clinical training experiences with a wide range of patient populations, from birth through young adulthood. Children and adolescents are served in diverse settings throughout the Institute, including in our outpatient specialty clinics, the Psychiatric Mental Health Program, and other interdisciplinary settings, such as Kennedy Krieger School Programs and the Center for Autism and Related Disorders.

Fellows complete four six-month major rotations in our outpatient specialty clinics, as well as a two-year rotation providing therapeutic services through the Institute’s Psychiatric Mental Health Program. Fellows also participate in the Targeted Assessment Clinic throughout the two-year fellowship. The specific major rotations are described on the following pages.

“During my fellowship at Kennedy Krieger Institute, I learned many valuable skills and increased my knowledge of neurodevelopmental disorders through assessment experiences and didactics. Throughout my time at Kennedy Krieger Institute, I developed greater independence with and confidence in my clinical skills. I enjoyed working with the staff and faculty from the Department of Neuropsychology, and I appreciated the care, passion and energy they have for training.”

For more information, visit KennedyKrieger.org/Clinical-Psych-Postdoc or call 443-923-7932.
Major Rotations: Primary Clinical Experiences

OUTPATIENT SPECIALTY CLINICS: ASSESSMENT EXPERIENCES

Fellows gain experience in psychological assessment by participating in each of the following outpatient specialty clinics. Fellows participate in each outpatient specialty clinic for six months. There are two supervising psychologists per major rotation, and each fellow spends three months being supervised by each supervising psychologist. Through involvement in these outpatient specialty clinics, fellows gain experience serving individuals, from infants to young adults, with a wide range of neurodevelopmental and/or psychiatric disorders. As part of this experience, fellows offer consultation to medical providers, families and school staff members, and they are exposed to relevant special education law. The specific outpatient specialty clinics are described below.

Executive Function (EF) Clinic
In the Executive Function Clinic, fellows participate in evaluations of children and adolescents with known or suspected neurodevelopmental, psychiatric and/or medical disorders that can be associated with executive dysfunction. Many of the individuals seen in this clinic have or are suspected of having attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) and learning disorders. Participation in this clinic provides fellows with opportunities to learn about the development of executive function skills through early childhood and adolescence, common conditions associated with executive dysfunction across settings, special education law, and other school-specific information (e.g., multi-tiered systems of intervention).

Supervisors: Rashida Barner, PhD; Shalena Heard, PhD; and Shelley McDermott, PhD, BCBA-D

Emotional and Behavioral Disorders (EBD) Clinic
In the Emotional and Behavioral Disorders Clinic, fellows participate in evaluations of children and adolescents presenting with a variety of behavioral and emotional conditions. Participation in this clinic provides fellows with opportunities to learn about assessment procedures used for clarifying conditions related to mood and behavioral disorders (e.g., personality assessment).

Supervisors: Judith Trussell, PhD, and Tanisha Drummond, PhD, ABPP

Development and Early Learning (DEL) Clinic
In the Development and Early Learning Clinic, fellows participate in evaluations of children 6 years of age and younger. Patients in this clinic present with developmental, behavioral and/or learning conditions. Participation in this clinic provides fellows with opportunities to learn about assessment procedures used with young children, and evidence-based intervention strategies for supporting young children with developmental disorders. Fellows also develop skills in differentiating between typical and atypical development in young children.

Supervisors: Shelley McDermott, PhD, BCBA-D, and Rebecca Lieb, PhD, ABPP

Targeted Assessment Clinic
In the Targeted Assessment Clinic, fellows conduct diagnostic interviews and evaluations with patients who have been referred for psychological assessment. Fellows participate in evaluations of children and adolescents with a variety of behavioral and emotional disorders. Participation in this clinic provides fellows with opportunities to learn about assessment procedures used for clarifying conditions related to mood and behavioral disorders (e.g., personality assessment).

Supervisors: Shelley McDermott, PhD, BCBA-D, and Rebecca Lieb, PhD, ABPP

“Trainees in the child clinical psychology fellowship gain a diverse skill set that prepares them to operate as independent clinicians after postdoc.”
identified as requiring less extensive testing. Participation in this clinic provides fellows with experience in constructing an abbreviated test battery to answer a circumscribed referral question.

Supervisor: Alison Pritchard, PhD, ABPP

OUTPATIENT INTERVENTION EXPERIENCE

In addition to the six-month rotations through our assessment-focused outpatient clinics, fellows participate in the Psychiatric Mental Health Program for the duration of the two-year fellowship.

Psychiatric Mental Health Program (PMHP)

Fellows will participate in the Psychiatric Mental Health Program one day a week for the entire two years of the fellowship. Through participation in this program, fellows will gain experience providing outpatient treatment to children and adolescents who present with a variety of neurodevelopmental and/or psychiatric conditions. Fellows will gain experience with multiple treatment modalities, such as cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT), dialectical behavior therapy (DBT), and comprehensive behavioral intervention for tics (CBIT).

Supervisors: Dan Kleiner, PsyD; Joseph McGuire, PhD; and Amie Bettencourt, PhD

OPTIONAL TRAINING EXPERIENCES

Preschool Interdisciplinary Clinic

The Preschool Interdisciplinary Clinic (PIC) consists of a team of professionals from across the Institute who provide diagnostic clarification and ongoing monitoring of children with various neurodevelopmental disorders.

Supervisor: Shelley McDermott, PhD, BCBA-D

Pathways to Young Adulthood Clinic

The Pathways to Young Adulthood Clinic provides comprehensive evaluation, consultation and progress monitoring for older teens and young adults with developmental, attentional, executive function and/or social-emotional needs. The mission of this clinic is to empower older teens and young adults to understand their learning strengths and needs, self-advocate, and better manage self-care to work towards independence.

Supervisors: Shalena Heard, PhD, and Susy Thomas, PhD

Kennedy Krieger School Programs

Kennedy Krieger School Programs include nonpublic special education day schools for children and adolescents in elementary through high school. Kennedy Krieger Schools: Fairmount Campus (for students in kindergarten through eighth grade) and Kennedy Krieger High School are nationally recognized schools with students who have a variety of diagnoses and federal classifications, including autism spectrum disorder (ASD), learning disabilities, emotional and behavioral disorders, speech-language disorders, intellectual disabilities and other health conditions, such as seizures and traumatic brain injuries.

Supervisor: Emma Cole, PhD, ABPP

Center for Autism and Related Disorders (CARD)

The Center for Autism and Related Disorders provides assessment and treatment services for children and adolescents who have or are suspected of having ASD.

Supervisor: Amy Keefer, PhD, ABPP

Supervision and Evaluation

Postdoctoral fellows receive a minimum of four hours of supervision per week (two hours of group supervision and two hours of individual supervision). Supervision is provided by licensed psychologists, three of whom are board-certified in child clinical psychology through the American Board of Professional Psychology. Group supervision primarily takes place in the context of departmental rounds and focuses on case presentations, discussion of assessment methods and review of relevant research. Individual supervision takes place with the supervising psychologists of each major rotation. At the beginning of each rotation, each fellow will meet with their supervisors to identify specific professional goals, and the fellow will receive formal written feedback on progress toward those goals three months into the rotation, and then again at the end of the rotation. Fellows will receive a minimum of two written evaluations per year, one at the end of each six-month major rotation. Fellows will receive documents detailing the due process and grievance procedures.
There is no requirement for postdoctoral training in order to obtain licensure as a psychologist in Maryland. This fellowship does, however, satisfy supervised practice hours that are required for several surrounding jurisdictions (e.g., New Jersey, New York).

**Interdisciplinary Training**

Support from the Maternal and Child Health Bureau’s LEND (Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Other Related Disabilities) program has allowed us to create and maintain an interdisciplinary training model. Child clinical psychology fellows are part of the LEND program, which also includes pediatrics, social work, occupational and physical therapies, speech-language pathology, nutrition, neurology, psychiatry, education and audiology. Our fellows also actively participate in a structured series of interdisciplinary seminars, rounds and clinics. To ensure comprehensive interdisciplinary training, all trainees complete an individualized training plan (ITP).

**Didactic Experiences**

All Department of Neuropsychology trainees have the opportunity to participate in a wide range of didactic seminars and grand rounds, both at Kennedy Krieger Institute and through the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine and the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. Primary didactic training in pediatric psychology is achieved through a weekly series of seminars, including:

- Diversity and Culture Seminar
- Professional Development Seminar
- Case Conferences
- Grand Rounds

See our list of weekly training opportunities and the schedule of seminars and professional development events on pages 8–10 for details.

**Research**

Postdoctoral fellows are provided with opportunities to participate in or develop their own research projects within the fields of psychology or neurodevelopmental disabilities. Research opportunities are available through the mentorship of faculty members and researchers throughout the Kennedy Krieger and Johns Hopkins research community, and dedicated time is available for research.

See our faculty member biographies (pages 6–7) and the list of recent publications (pages 12–13) for more information on current research.

**Administrative Structure**

Drs. Alison Pritchard and Shelley McDermott are the Co-Directors of Training for the postdoctoral residency program in child clinical psychology. The postdoctoral program is based in the Department of Neuropsychology. Drs. Cynthia Salorio and Alison Pritchard are the department’s Co-Directors. Dr. Lisa Jacobson is the Director of Research. Dr. Beth Slomine serves as the Senior Psychologist and oversees psychology training in the Department of Neuropsychology, Center for Autism and Related Disorders, Psychiatric Mental Health Program and the Center for Child and Family Traumatic Stress. Dr. Miya Asato is the Vice President of Training and directs the nationally recognized Maternal and Child

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Health Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Other Related Disabilities (LEND) Program at the Institute, which provides graduate-level, interdisciplinary training to clinicians with an interest in neurodevelopmental disabilities.

All training supervisors in the child clinical psychology postdoctoral training program have extensive clinical experience in child clinical psychology and developmental disabilities. Several core training supervisors hold academic faculty appointments through the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine.

Fostering Leadership

The child clinical psychology postdoctoral fellowship is designed to create leaders in the field of psychology. Through didactic learning opportunities and clinical experiences, our fellows acquire valuable skills in evidence-based practices, independent research, teaching, supervision, advocacy and training.

Fellows have opportunities to present at Institute-sponsored seminars and at local, national and international conferences. All fellows have opportunities to participate in teaching and training activities within the Department of Neuropsychology. Fellows also have the opportunity to gain experience in supervising graduate students.

Benefits

The child clinical psychology fellowship begins each year on Sept. 1. The stipend for first-year residents is consistent with the National Institutes of Health (NIH) PGY1 stipend. Residents receive appointments through the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. Kennedy Krieger Institute provides individual health insurance benefits. Spouse and family coverage is also available. In addition, Johns Hopkins Medicine University Health Services offers comprehensive ambulatory medical care for fellows and their dependents, with services provided by faculty and professional staff members. Fellows are entitled to 10 vacation days a year, in addition to the eight annual holidays observed at the Institute. Support for travel and professional conferences is provided. All fellows are given individual office space, including a computer with online access to The Johns Hopkins University's medical library system and online full-text access to university journal subscriptions. A full range of scoring programs, dictation software and statistical packages is maintained in the Department of Neuropsychology.

Visit KennedyKrieger.org/Clinical-Psych-Postdoc for more information about Kennedy Krieger Institute’s child clinical psychology fellowship program and application guidelines.

Application Process

The child clinical psychology postdoctoral fellowship is a full-time, two-year experience beginning on September 1, 2022. Candidates must have completed all requirements for their doctoral degree prior to beginning the fellowship. Only graduates of APA/CPA-accredited doctoral programs and APA/CPA-accredited doctoral internships will be considered. Fellows receive appointments through the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. Postdoctoral fellow stipend level is based on NIH’s National Research Service Award doctoral stipend level, which is currently $53,760. This includes eight holidays, two weeks of vacation and one week of professional/conference time per year. Health insurance is available.

To apply, click on the following link to access the APPA CAS (APPIC Psychology Postdoctoral Application). Complete the basic demographic, education and transcript requests required of all applicants for all APPA CAS programs. Then select the Kennedy Krieger Institute – Child Clinical Psychology Postdoc Program. APPA CAS allows you to request letters of recommendation electronically which are then uploaded by the letter writer. Note: APPA CAS refers to letters of recommendation as “Evaluations.” The specific requirements for the program are listed below, as well as within the APPA CAS system.

Please submit application materials by December 15, 2021.

Interviews will be held at Kennedy Krieger Institute or via video conference during the week of January 17, 2022.

About Kennedy Krieger Institute

In 1967, Kennedy Krieger Institute became the nation’s first University Affiliated Program (now known as University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities,
Faculty and Staff
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Child Clinical Psychology Fellowship Core Training Supervisors

Rashida Barner, PhD
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Dr. Barner conducts psychological evaluations with children and adolescents who present with conditions related to neurodevelopment, mood and anxiety, as well as with other conditions, such as social or family issues. Dr. Barner’s clinical interests include providing culturally competent evaluations to a diverse population. Dr. Barner sees patients in the Emotional and Behavioral Disorders Clinic and the Executive Function Clinic.

Tanisha Drummond, PsyD, ABPP
Clinical Psychologist, Department of Neuropsychology
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Dr. Drummond conducts evaluations with children and adolescents who present with neurodevelopmental disorders, mood and anxiety conditions, and other behavioral conditions. Dr. Drummond specializes in using objective personality inventories to aid in diagnostic clarification and treatment recommendations. Dr. Drummond sees patients through the Emotional and Behavioral Disorders Clinic.
Dr. Heard has extensive experience providing therapy and psychological assessment services to children, adolescents and adults within inpatient, residential, outpatient and school settings. She currently focuses on providing older adolescents and young adults with the essential resources and skills needed to aid their transitioning into adulthood.

Dr. Kleiner is the director of psychological services in the Psychiatric Mental Health Program. He specializes in the treatment of children and adolescents who have complex psychiatric and neurodevelopmental disorders. He has a wealth of experience working with underserved populations, and with children and families who have experienced trauma, neglect and abuse. Dr. Kleiner is also chair of the Kennedy Krieger Institute Ethics Program.

Dr. Lieb has experience working with a variety of developmental concerns and age ranges. Dr. Lieb is also an active member of the American Psychological Association (APA), serving as the 2021 Chair of the Continuing Education Committee.

Dr. McDermott's clinical interests include assessment of preschool and school-age children with suspected neurodevelopmental disorders such as ASD, attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder and learning disorders. In addition, Dr. McDermott has experience working with children and adolescents who present with conditions related to mood and anxiety. Dr. McDermott sees patients through the Executive Function Clinic.

Dr. Trussell conducts psychological evaluations with children, adolescents and young adults who present with problems in learning, mood, self-regulation, social functioning and attention. Her areas of clinical interest include anxiety disorders, adjustment issues for young adults (including college students) and interdisciplinary collaboration in providing services to families. Dr. Trussell sees clients through the Emotional and Behavioral Disorders Clinic.

Dr. Virgadamo is a supervising psychologist in the Psychiatric Mental Health Program, and is also the coordinator of the program's psychological assessment program. She specializes in the treatment of children and adolescents with mood and externalizing disorders, and is a member of the dialectical behavior therapy team.
## Diversity and Culture Seminar

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Weekly Training Opportunities

In addition to weekly clinic rounds and case presentations, the following is a sample of didactic opportunities available to all trainees.

**MONDAY**
- 8:15–9 a.m. Teaching Rounds, Oncology Clinic
- 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Psychiatry Grand Rounds – Johns Hopkins Hospital
- 4–5 p.m. Clinical Psychology/ADOS Seminar

**TUESDAY**
- 8:15–9 a.m. Teaching Rounds, Emotional and Behavioral Disorders Clinic
- 8:15–9 a.m. Teaching Rounds, Development and Early Learning Clinic
- 9–10:30 a.m. Kennedy Krieger Institute Core Course Interdisciplinary Seminar in Developmental Disabilities
- 11 a.m.–12 p.m. Pediatric Neuropsychology Case Conference
- 12–1 p.m. Teaching Rounds, Emotional and Behavioral Disorders Clinic
- 2–3 p.m. Teaching Rounds, Development and Early Learning Clinic
- 3–4 p.m. Medical Psychology Seminar
- 4–5 p.m. Neuropsychology Seminar

**WEDNESDAY**
- 8–9 a.m. Johns Hopkins Pediatric Neurology Grand Rounds
- 8:15–9 a.m. Teaching Rounds, Executive Function Clinic
- 8:30–10 a.m. Johns Hopkins Pediatrics Grand Rounds
- 12:15–1 p.m. Teaching Rounds, Executive Function Clinic
- 2–3 p.m. Neurodevelopmental Rounds (Johns Hopkins Hospital NICU)
- 4–5 p.m. Psychology Professional Development Seminar

**THURSDAY**
- 8–9 a.m. Teaching Rounds, Congenital/Genetic Disorders Clinic
- 9–10 a.m. Neurology Grand Rounds
- 1:30–2:30 p.m. Teaching Rounds, Pathways Clinic
- 3–3:45 p.m. Teaching Rounds, Congenital/Genetic Disorders Clinic
- 4–5 p.m. Johns Hopkins Hospital Neuropsychiatry Conference

**FRIDAY**
- 8:15–9 a.m. Teaching Rounds, Epilepsy/Acquired Brain Injury Clinic
- 9–10 a.m. Transgender/Sexuality Seminar
- 9–10:30 a.m. Interdisciplinary Case Conference
- 12–1 p.m. Johns Hopkins Neuropsychology Journal Club
- 12:15–1:00 p.m. Teaching Rounds, Epilepsy/Acquired Brain Injury Clinic
- 3–4 p.m. Neurodevelopmental Disabilities Journal Club
- 1–2 p.m. Neurosciences Intensive Care Nursery Rounds

**MONTHLY**
- 9–10 a.m. Gender Diversity Consultation Group (First and Third Wednesdays)
- 12–1 p.m. Kennedy Krieger Institute Grand Rounds (Second Tuesdays)

For more information, visit [KennedyKrieger.org/Clinical-Psych-Postdoc](http://KennedyKrieger.org/Clinical-Psych-Postdoc) or call 443-923-7932.
### Professional Development Seminars

#### Sample Schedule of Professional Development Seminar Series

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Clinical Research in the Neuropsychology Department

Overview

The Neuropsychology Department boasts a robust clinical research program, offering many opportunities for trainee involvement in research.

Faculty members in the Neuropsychology Department are engaged in research projects funded by national organizations such as the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI), and by local and national foundations. These studies engage collaborators across Kennedy Krieger Institute, Johns Hopkins and external sites, and cover a very broad range of topics, but all are in the service of understanding and managing the neurodevelopmental conditions that affect children. These ongoing projects often represent rich research opportunities for trainees.

In addition, faculty and staff in the Neuropsychology Department participate in clinical research and quality improvement projects that make use of the Department’s extensive clinical database, housing neuropsychological test scores, demographic data and other clinical information for tens of thousands of our pediatric patients. Trainees frequently initiate or are involved in projects that make use of these data, often presenting their findings at conferences or in the form of manuscripts in peer-reviewed journals. See the Department Publications list for examples of publications with recent trainees.

In addition to these opportunities to be involved in specific research projects, the Department hosts a weekly Journal Club in which faculty, staff and trainees discuss a preselected journal article’s content and methodological merits. Monthly, the Department also hosts Discovery Rounds, in which members of the Department share ideas and questions, build collaboration around information/data use, and generate evidence-based ways to provide even better care to our patients.

“One of the things I valued most about my experience in the child clinical psychology fellowship program was the quality of supervision I received. I appreciated the hands-on approach to training. I would not be where I am today without the training I received at Kennedy Krieger Institute.”
Recent Publications

2016 to present

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES:
(Supervising faculty in purple, residents in green)


ABSTRACTS AND PRESENTATIONS:
(Supervising faculty in purple, residents in green)


