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**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 2019-2020 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.

The **Pediatric Neuropsychology experience within the Deafness-Related Evaluations and More (DREAM) clinic** provides accessibility and neuropsychological assessment and consultation to children and young adults with primarily medical diagnoses who are d/Deaf or hard-of-hearing or present with hearing loss, and their families. The clinic evaluates individuals with congenital disorders such as congenital cytomegalovirus, craniofacial diagnoses including

microtia/atresia, CHARGE syndrome, and pre- and post cochlear implant surgical evaluations/consultation.

## **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 assigned for face-to-face contact with a patient and the second day is reserved for report writing, other clinical duties, and supervision. 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 (Clinical Psychology, Pediatric Neuropsychology, Pediatric Neuropsychology within the DREAM Clinic)
2. Curriculum vita (CV)
3. Three letters of reference (emailed directly from the letter writer)

Please submit application materials by **January 28, 2019** to [NPexternship@kennedykrieger.org](mailto:NPexternship@kennedykrieger.org)

Interviews will be held at the Kennedy Krieger Institute during the week of **February 11, 2019**.

If you have additional questions, please contact Externship Training coordinators Tanisha E. Drummond, Psy.D. ABPP and Jill Pineda, PhD at [NPexternship@kennedykrieger.org](mailto:NPexternship@kennedykrieger.org)