



DIVISION OF  
**STUDENT AFFAIRS**  
COUNSELING CENTER

**EXTERNSHIP IN PSYCHOLOGY**  
**UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND COUNSELING CENTER**  
**2023-2024**

**TRAINING PROGRAM**

The University of Maryland Counseling Center is accepting applications for externship training in psychology during the **2023-2024 academic year**. The externship provides supervised training in short-term individual counseling for university students. Externs typically spend 16-18 hours per week, including two hours of supervision by two senior staff psychologists at the Counseling Center. Other training activities include participation in weekly case conferences with senior staff and staff developments/seminars on various clinical topics, as well as the possibility of conducting intakes, co-leading a group, presenting a wellness workshop and/or a psychoeducational workshop series. This is a non-paid externship. For more information, please visit <https://www.counseling.umd.edu/cs/externship/>

**THE COUNSELING CENTER**

The University of Maryland Counseling Center has provided mental health services to University clients for over 70 years. Services target a large and diverse student population. In addition to providing psychological counseling and vocational counseling, the Center offers academic skills counseling, accessibility and disabilities support services as well as testing and research services.

**COVID-19 TRAINING UPDATES**

In lieu of changes in service delivery during COVID-19 pandemic, the Counseling Center is providing all services (i.e., individual, group, workshops, and outreach) via a hybrid model of in-person and telehealth during the 2022-2023 academic year. Currently, the majority of individual therapy sessions and all supervision sessions are happening in-person. Externs are expected to work in their Counseling Center office for the entirety of the externship experience, including when providing telehealth services. We will continue to follow the directives of the University, the State of Maryland, and health officials to protect the safety and health of our staff, trainees, and students. We will keep our incoming 2023-2024 externship class updated about changes in their training as needed.

**APPLICANT QUALIFICATIONS**

Applicants must be doctoral students in APA-approved counseling psychology or clinical psychology doctoral training programs. Externs typically are in their third or fourth year in training during externship. Preference is given to applicants who have completed a minimum of 2 years of clinical practica.

**To apply, students should send:**

1. A statement of interest
2. Vita describing academic and clinical training

Students should have three (3) letters of recommendation:

3. one letter from the student's advisor or training director
4. two letters of recommendation from clinical supervisors

(emails from letter writers should indicate your name in the subject heading)

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:** All materials must be received by **Monday, February 6th, 2023.**

**Applications should be submitted in Word or PDF. Please send completed applications to Dr. Shealyn Blanchard at [sblanch1@umd.edu](mailto:sblanch1@umd.edu).**