The Hospital for Sick Children
Post-Doctoral Fellowship in Pediatric Health Psychology
2017-2018

**Position:** The Department of Psychology at the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto, Ontario invites applications for a Post-Doctoral Pediatric Health Psychology Fellowship. As one of the fastest growing sub-specialties in psychology today, pediatric psychology offers clinicians the opportunity to work in partnership with a wide range of professionals to enhance children’s health and well-being at the intersection of mind and body. This is a **1.0 FTE** position, primarily involving direct clinical service to the children, youth, and families served by the hospital. This **one-year** training position begins on **September 5, 2017**.

**Training Setting:** The Hospital for Sick Children (SickKids), affiliated with the University of Toronto, is Canada’s largest pediatric academic health care institution and one of the world’s leading children’s hospitals.

As innovators in child health, SickKids improves the health of children by integrating care, research and teaching. It is a centre of excellence in the delivery of cutting edge health care to the pediatric population, and is supported by Canada’s strongest hospital-based Research Institute. The Department of Psychology at SickKids includes approximately 30 psychologists and 10 psychometrists, along with numerous research staff and trainees who provide service and conduct clinical research within the hospital.

**Clinical Training:** The fellowship offers clinical training in outpatient and inpatient psychological assessment, consultation, and intervention for children, youth, and families. Children and families served come from a wide range of pediatric medical clinics with the full-spectrum of medical, psychological, and social issues.

Fellows have opportunities for pediatric health and clinical psychology training in a range of programs and clinics including:

- Haematology/Oncology Clinics
- Sick Kids Team Obesity Management Program (STOMP)
- Cystic Fibrosis Clinic
- Sickle-Cell Clinic
- Suspected Child Abuse and Neglect Program
- Good 2 Go Transition Program
- Eating Disorders Clinics
- Diabetes Clinic
- Chronic Pain Program
- General Pediatrics
Upon completion of the fellowship, graduates will have developed sub-specialty expertise in pediatric health psychology. They will be well versed in consulting with medical teams and educating team members on how health psychology can positively impact children’s lives. They will be practiced in the art of conducting assessments and consultations in the hospital setting and providing effective direction to medical teams where appropriate. Graduating fellows will have had opportunities to develop a broad intervention skill set including individual, group, and/or family therapy skills.

They will have developed expertise in a variety of health psychology interventions, including:

- prevention of disease and injury,
- enhancing coping and adaptation to illness,
- improving adherence to treatment regimens,
- stress and pain management, and
- treatment of somatic and conversion disorders.

Supervision is provided by senior staff in the Department of Psychology and involves observation, report review, and one-to-one supervision.

**Scholarship:** Graduating fellows will have demonstrated their knowledge and expertise within their health psychology rotations by offering talks, didactics, and/or case presentations during their fellowship. These presentations may include provision of education on specialty topic areas to colleagues, and presentations on broader topics of mental health to patients and families. Fellows will have had the opportunity to supervise pre-doctoral interns and practicum students, and will have received supervision on the training they provided. Opportunities for engaging in clinical research also exist.

**Didactics:** A rich array of didactic learning opportunities are available to fellows and staff at SickKids. Within the Psychology Department, monthly Psychology Rounds, Professional Issues Seminars for Psychology Post-Doctoral Fellows, and Health Psychology Seminars are available. Fellows may also choose to attend didactics offered by the Department of Psychiatry, Department of Social Work, Department of Bioethics, Centre for Brain & Mental Health, and other medical programs.

**Salary & Benefits:** The stipend for the 2016-2017 year is $42,000. Fellows are eligible for the modified SickKids benefits package (health and dental), 2 weeks paid vacation, and one week paid professional development leave.
To Apply: Applicants should be graduates of a CPA/APA accredited graduate program in Clinical Psychology and have completed a CPA/APA accredited pre-doctoral internship in clinical psychology. It is expected that applicants will have internship level training in pediatric psychology and/or health psychology. All degree requirements must be completed before the fellowship start date. Applicants who have successfully defended their doctoral dissertation will be given preference. It is expected that the applicant will meet the requirements for issuance of a Certificate for Supervised Practice and pursue registration with the College of Psychologists of Ontario during the fellowship year.

Interested applicants should complete the APPIC Psychology Postdoctoral Application process by January 9th, 2017. This is an application portal used by most health psychology fellowships in North America, and may be found at: https://www.appic.org/About-APPIC/Postdoctoral/APP-Postdoc-Application-Information. The application requirements include:

- A letter of interest describing clinical training, teaching, and research/scholarly interests
- A curriculum vitae
- Three (3) letters of reference (preferably from two clinical supervisors and one academic/research mentor)
- Graduate transcripts listing courses, grades and degrees.

An offer will be made to the successful candidate on February 27th, 2017. For further information, please contact:

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