Postdoctoral Fellowship in Pediatric Neuropsychology
An Opportunity Like No Other
The Department of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences (DCAPBS) at The Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) has an opening for a postdoctoral fellow in pediatric neuropsychology beginning in the summer of 2016 (start date range is Aug. 1 - Sept. 1). This unique, two-year fellowship is designed for those interested in a career as a scientist/practitioner in pediatric neuropsychology. It meets the criteria set forth by the Houston Conference Policy Statement on education and training, and participates in the match process through the Association of Postdoctoral Programs in Clinical Neuropsychology (APPCN).

About CHOP
The Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia has consistently been ranked one of the top hospitals on U.S. News & World Report’s Honor Roll of the nation’s Best Children’s Hospitals. The oldest hospital in the United States dedicated exclusively to pediatrics, CHOP is a world leader in the advancement of healthcare for children, integrating excellent patient care, innovative research and quality professional education into all of its programs.

About DCAPBS
The Department of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences consists of 11 credentialed neuropsychologists who provide a wide array of inpatient and outpatient clinical services to a diverse patient population from the Philadelphia region, the broader East Coast and across the globe, and who also support active research programs. DCAPBS receives referrals from many different medical services, including neurology, neurosurgery, hematology/oncology, physical medicine and rehabilitation, and from a variety of clinics focused on the care of children with neurodevelopmental disorders and/or medical health conditions impacting neurobehavioral functioning.

The mission of our neuropsychology training program is to educate future neuropsychologists at all levels of training, including externship, internship and fellowship-level trainees. DCAPBS sponsors a child clinical predoctoral psychology internship that is accredited by the American Psychological Association (APA) and that offers specialized tracks in pediatric neuropsychology, pediatric psychology, integrated healthcare, school and community psychology and autism spectrum disorders. The department also houses a number of postdoctoral psychology fellowships focused on both clinical training and research.
About the Fellowship

The postdoctoral fellowship in pediatric neuropsychology has three key components:

- Clinical experience: 65%
- Supervision/didactic experience: 15%
- Research experience: 20%

*Percentages are approximate

Clinical Experience

The fellow will spend approximately 60 to 70 percent of time devoted to clinical work, which consists of a combination of general outpatient services and focused clinical experiences. The following is a list of potential clinical experiences the fellow will encounter over the course of two years.

**General Outpatient Service:** Throughout the two years, the fellow will spend a portion of clinical time providing consultation and neuropsychological evaluation to general outpatients referred by general neurology, hematology/oncology, rehabilitation medicine, cardiology, metabolism/genetics, plastic surgery, developmental pediatrics and other medical subspecialties.

**Pediatric Regional Epilepsy Program:** The epilepsy rotation offers the opportunity to participate in the multidisciplinary Epilepsy Team Conference, which involves providers from neurology, neuroradiology and neurosurgery in evaluation and consultation activities for children and adolescents diagnosed with epilepsy. The fellow will follow surgery candidates through baseline assessment, possible magnetoencephalography (MEG)/Wada evaluation of language and memory function, cortical mapping, and/or functional imaging, as well as postsurgical evaluation. The fellow will also assist the attending psychologist as a liaison between neuropsychology and the Epilepsy Program.
Clinical Experience (continued)

Pediatric Stroke Program: The fellow will develop skills in consultation and assessment of children with a history of stroke. The fellow will work with a multidisciplinary team including neurology, physical/occupational/speech-language therapies, social work, school intervention and neuropsychology. The fellow may have the opportunity to provide both outpatient and inpatient consultation services with this population in addition to seeing outpatients with other vascular malformations, sickle cell disease, and other complex neurologic and genetic disorders resulting in stroke.

Inpatient Rehabilitation Unit: The primary objective of this rotation is to develop skills in providing neuropsychological assessment services for neurorehabilitation patients, such as those with traumatic brain injury, brain tumors, encephalitis and seizure disorder, as a member of an interdisciplinary team. There may also be selective opportunities for case consultation, behavioral management, individual psychotherapy, family therapy, education, cognitive screening, co-treatment with other members of the team, and overall team support.

Cardiac Kids Developmental Follow-up Program: This program provides comprehensive medical and developmental evaluations for children with congenital heart disorders and associated neurologic complications. The fellow will have the opportunity to complete early childhood assessments and work with a multidisciplinary team that includes physicians, therapists and nurses.

Adult Neurology: In conjunction with the Department of Neurology at the neighboring Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania (HUP), a minor rotation in adult neuropsychology is offered. The fellow will gain experience with patients from adult neurology populations such as Parkinson’s, dementia, epilepsy, multiple sclerosis, lupus and concussion. Opportunities to participate in Wada testing are also available. This rotation is supervised by two adult neuropsychologists.

In addition to the above listed rotations, the fellow may have the opportunity to create individualized experiences based on his or her interests.
Didactics/Supervision Experience

The fellow will spend approximately 20 percent of their time in supervision and didactic experiences. Specific didactics include:

- neuropsychology seminar
- neuropsychology group supervision
- general psychology seminar
- clinical neuroscience conferences
- brain cuttings
- psychiatry grand rounds at CHOP
- neurology grand rounds at HUP
- lectures on ethical practice and cultural awareness/diversity

Additional experiences support the fellow’s specific clinical responsibilities at the time, including attending weekly stroke conferences, rehabilitation team meetings and epilepsy planning meetings.

The fellow will also have the opportunity to:

- Participate in mock fact-finding examinations in preparation for board certification in neuropsychology through the American Board of Professional Psychology (ABPP)
- Be a member of the Program Planning Committee for the Neuropsychology and the Psychology Seminar Series, both of which provide APA-approved CE credits for psychologists

The fellow will receive approximately two to three hours of individual supervision per week, to support clinic activities, plan assessments, analyze data, and provide oral and written feedback. The fellow may also have the opportunity to provide supervision to intern- and extern-level neuropsychology students through an umbrella supervision model.

Research Experience

Approximately 10 to 20 percent of the fellow’s time should be dedicated to research. The fellow will be assigned a primary research mentor and will be expected to demonstrate competency for independent research after completing the fellowship. For example, fellows are expected to present at local and professional conferences or submit a review paper or chapter by the end of the fellowship.
Program Directors

**Thomas Flynn, Ph.D., ABPP-Cn**
Dr. Flynn is a board certified clinical neuropsychologist and the director of Neuropsychology and Assessment and Pediatric Psychology Programs at CHOP. His clinical and research interests include epilepsy and outcomes of children with congenital heart defects.

**Lauren Krivitzky, Ph.D., ABPP-Cn**
Dr. Krivitzky is a board certified pediatric neuropsychologist and the director of training for the psychology fellowship and externship programs at CHOP. Her clinical and research interests include neuropsychological functioning in pediatric stroke and predictors of neuropsychological outcomes in children with rare metabolic disorders.

Additional Faculty

**Carol L. Armstrong, Ph.D., ABN**
Dr. Armstrong is a board certified neuropsychologist and the director of CHOP’s Neuropsychology Lab in Neuro-Oncology. She has a strong interest in understanding how brain tumors and radiation therapies affect brain development in children and uses cognitive neuroscience techniques to understand cognitive outcomes in pediatric brain tumor patients.

**Lisa Blaskey, Ph.D.**
Dr. Blaskey is a clinical neuropsychologist at CHOP’s Center for Autism Research. Her clinical and research interests include the neurocognitive underpinnings of autism spectrum disorder (ASD), neuropsychological assessment, and mechanisms of comorbidity in neurodevelopmental disorders.

**Jacqueline Cunningham, Ph.D.**
Dr. Cunningham is a pediatric neuropsychologist in CHOP’s Inpatient Acute Rehabilitation and Day Hospital Rehabilitation Programs, where she works with children who have sustained severe traumatic or acquired brain injury. Her research interests include the study of risk factors contributing to severity of symptoms in cases of traumatic brain injury, including the persistence of symptoms in post-concussive disorder.

**Lyla El-Messidi Hampton, Ph.D.**
Dr. Hampton is a pediatric neuropsychologist in CHOP’s Cardiac Kids Developmental Follow-Up Program. Her clinical and research interests include neuropsychological outcome in children treated for congenital heart defects and genetic disorders.

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Sarah Murphy-Bowman, Psy.D.
Dr. Murphy, a pediatric neuropsychologist, came to CHOP to complete her postdoctoral fellowship and transitioned to staff in 2014. She has a special interest in concussion and factors of recovery in brain injury.

Iris Paltin, Ph.D.
Dr. Paltin, a pediatric neuropsychologist, is a member of the multidisciplinary oncology program with primary responsibilities in the neuro-oncology, proton radiation and survivorship programs. Her research interests include neuropsychological and social-emotional functioning of pediatric brain tumor survivors, cognitive interventions to improve quality of life, and improving neuropsychology service delivery.

Juhi Pandey, Ph.D.
Dr. Pandey is a pediatric neuropsychologist and scientist at the Center for Autism Research (CAR). She has a special interest in the early identification and diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder, clinical phenotyping, and brain-behavior relationships that impact diagnosis and treatment outcome.

Hannah-Lise Schofield, Ph.D., ABPP-Cn
Dr. Schofield, a board certified clinical neuropsychologist, is primarily affiliated with CHOP’s Division of Oncology and conducts evaluations with children and adolescents during various stages of treatment and remission. She is also interested in the cognitive profiles of youth with complex medical issues such as epilepsy, spina bifida and congenital heart disease.

Nina Hattiangadi Thomas, Ph.D., ABPP-Cn
Dr. Thomas is a board certified pediatric neuropsychologist in the Behavioral Neuroscience Core of CHOP’s Clinical and Translational Research Center. Her research interests include neuropsychological effects of hematology and oncology conditions/treatments, neuropsychological functioning in metabolic diseases, and physiologic management of head injury in the ICU.
Salary/Benefits

The stipend for this fellowship is consistent with NIH salary guidelines for postdoctoral fellows. Stipends are distributed evenly across the year in biweekly checks.

The Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia provides a generous benefits package, including multiple options for individual health insurance coverage that becomes available upon completion of the first 30 days of postdoctoral fellowship training. At this time, fellows may choose to purchase health insurance for a spouse or dependent(s) through one of the available group plan options. We strongly recommend that fellows continue pre-existing individual health insurance coverage through the first month of the postdoctoral training program.

Fellows will accrue 25 paid time off (PTO) days to be used as needed for vacation, personal time or illness. In addition, fellows will be allowed the seven announced holidays. Fellows may request additional leave for participation in professional conferences, as long as coverage for clinical responsibilities is arranged.

The fellow is provided with a computer and a personal workspace within the psychology office suite. They have access to the library resources both through CHOP and through the University of Pennsylvania library system.

How to Apply

Applications should be sent electronically to psychologyfellowship@email.chop.edu and must include the following documents:

- A one- to two-page cover letter describing previous professional academic preparation and work experience relevant to a postdoctoral fellowship in neuropsychology, career interests and specific plans, and reasons for applying to the Fellowship Program. Please specify that you are applying to the neuropsychology fellowship (as CHOP may have several open positions in other areas of psychology).
- A curriculum vitae.
- Three letters of recommendation from academic or work supervisors. Please ask these individuals to email their letters of recommendation to the address listed above.
- Two de-identified neuropsychological reports.
- An unofficial transcript from your doctoral training program (an official transcript will be required upon acceptance of a fellowship).

Application deadline: January 4, 2016

Interviews will be arranged after initial screening of applications. Interviews will take place at the annual meeting of the International Neuropsychological Society in Boston in February 2016 (preferably on Tuesday, Feb. 2). Please let us know in your cover letter if you are planning to attend this meeting/interview date.

This fellowship program participates in the APPCN match program conducted by National Matching Services Inc., and adheres to all match procedures. All applicants to APPCN programs should register for the match; information about registration can be found at natmatch.com/appcnmat.
About Philadelphia

Philadelphia combines a rich history with all the amenities of a world-class city. The City of Brotherly Love is the largest city in Pennsylvania and the sixth largest in the country. While it may be one of the oldest cities in the country, the population is younger than the national average, with more than 40 percent of residents between the ages of 25 and 54. Philly is centrally located on the East Coast and is less than a three-hour drive to numerous nearby destinations (Washington, D.C., New York City, the Atlantic Ocean, the Appalachian mountain range). Philadelphia is home to the Liberty Bell, the Declaration of Independence and the Philly cheesesteak. With its diverse culture and fast changing skyline, Philly offers something for everyone.

- Voted top travel destination in the country (and #3 in the world) for 2015 by The New York Times.
- Known as the mural capital of the world, with more than 2,000 outdoor murals.
- Voted #2 city for street food and hamburgers by Travel + Leisure readers.
- Home to both the country’s first hospital in 1751 and the first-ever children’s hospital in 1855.
- Philadelphia experiences four seasons throughout the year so there is lots outside to enjoy (e.g., the beach, fall foliage, apple picking, skiing).
- Fairmount Park covers more than 10 percent of city land in 63 neighborhoods, with over 215 miles of recreational trails.
- Home to several major sports teams with stadiums within city limits (Eagles, Phillies, Flyers, 76ers).
- Well known for a rich LGBT history and the Gayborhood, where events such as Equality Forum, Pride Day and OutFest happen annually.
- Home to the Mutter Museum, where exhibits include slices of Einstein’s brain, a malignant tumor removed from President Grover Cleveland, and a 9-foot human colon.
- Year-round festivals and events include: Made in America music festival, Lancaster Avenue Jazz and Arts Festival, Restaurant Week, South Street Spring Festival, Pennsylvania Bacon Festival, Wing Bowl, Summer Ale Festival, Philadelphia Car Show.