

Yale Fellowship in Autism Clinical Research seeking applications for 2020

The **Yale Fellowship in Autism Clinical Research and Community Wellness** at the Yale Child Study Center is recruiting highly qualified students for an intensive pre-doctoral fellowship for current graduates or graduating seniors interested in a combined clinical and research career in autism intervention. The position will commence June 2020.

The Yale Child Study Center is a leading institution in autism research. Fellows will have the opportunity to shadow weekly developmental disability clinic rounds, attend Child Study Center Grand Rounds, as well as other departmental Grand Rounds lectures in the School of Medicine.

The fellowship is up to two years in duration, with the second year being conditional on progress made in the first year. The fellowship combines elements of experiential learning with supervision, self-directed learning, and shadowing. Research training encompasses learning to lead and coordinate multiple pharmaceutical clinical trials involving children and adults living with autism. Clinical training will include training on assessments used in autism evaluation and observation of clinical evaluation through the Developmental Disabilities Clinic. They will be directly involved in communication with parents regarding patient treatment. Fellows will have the opportunity to peer-mentor adults with autism through weekly small group meetings. Fellows will engage in community outreach and develop leadership skills while directing organized social groups for families and individuals living with autism. Fellows will manage an online meetup platform with over 1000 members including individuals with ASD, parents, students, and professionals. Fellows are encouraged to develop and implement creative in-person events and will co-facilitate activities. Selected applicants will be expected to present results of their own work related to autism research. Successful candidates will have a high degree of initiative and independence with strong organizational and interpersonal skills. They must have the ability to work effectively with many types of people across different settings while juggling multiple tasks. Flexibility, endurance, and attention to detail are also essential qualities. Fellows starting salary will be \$35,700/year.

Eligibility Requirements

Eligible candidates are college graduates who will have obtained a bachelor's degree by June 2020. While previous relevant experience is preferred, applicants from a wide variety of backgrounds are encouraged. U.S. citizenship is not a requirement of the fellowship.

Please note that this fellowship is not offered concurrently with graduate studies. However, we do hope that the fellowship will serve as an important stepping-stone towards future medical or graduate studies.

Application Information

For more specific questions, interested applicants should contact Jane Jurayj (jane.jurayj@yale.edu), Annie Fanta (anne.fanta@yale.edu) or Hope Koene (hope.koene@yale.edu). Electronic submissions are preferable when possible. A complete application includes 1 copy of each of the following items:

- Resume or CV
- Transcript, undergraduate and graduate (if applicable)
- A 2-page personal statement containing biographic material, relevant experience, and career goals - can be single or double spaced

- Two letters of recommendations should be emailed to jane.jurayj@yale.edu. The recommender should include the applicants full name in the subject line.

Interested students should send their CV, personal statement, and transcript, no later than **January 31st, 2020**. Letters of recommendation should arrive no later than **February 7th, 2020**.

Application materials should be emailed to Jane Jurayj B.A. (jane.jurayj@yale.edu), Annie Fanta B.A. (anne.fanta@yale.edu) and Hope Koene B.A. (hope.koene@yale.edu). Although electronic submissions are preferred, materials may also be mailed to:

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