General Information about all Externships & Application process:
The externships at MWPH are moving towards a yearlong placement, and preference will be
given to applicants that prefer a yearlong externship, although opportunities to engage in a 9
month externship are available if space permits. The yearlong training experience will start in
early July, while the 9 month training experience begins in late August. Please apply by February
15. Interviews will be held in February and March. Please email your CV, two letters of
recommendation, and a cover letter to Jill Gatzke, Psy.D. at jgatzke@mwph.org. A sample of
written work may be requested as part of the application process. Please no phone calls.
Preference will also be given to applicants with experience working with children.

Please indicate in your cover letter whether you are interested in a 9 or 12 month placement.
Please also indicate your track of interest in your cover letter, and if you are applying to more
than one track (which also includes if you apply to the neuropsychology externship at MWPH),
please rank your preference of tracks.

Track 1: General Outpatient Externship
The psychology externship program at Mt. Washington Pediatric Hospital is a 9-month or 12-
month training experience in clinical and pediatric psychology. The hospital is a specialty and
rehabilitation hospital, and is co-owned and co-operated by the University of Maryland and Johns
Hopkins. The externship includes two major aspects – outpatient therapy and psychological
testing. However, there is the opportunity to focus solely on one aspect during your externship,
as you can indicate interest in solely providing therapy, only doing psychological assessments, or
being involved in both training opportunities. The number of placements allotted for each
specialty area will depend on interest and space. Externs carry an outpatient therapy caseload
consisting of children and adolescents ranging from ages 4 to 18 with diverse backgrounds and
presenting problems. Externs are also involved in all aspects of testing, including intakes,
administration, report-writing, and feedback sessions. Weekly individual supervision will be
provided, as well as group supervision and didactics. Friday is a required day due to testing clinic
and didactics. The externship program at MWPH is a 20 hour per week commitment. You are
expected to be on site for 16 hours per week. The additional 4 hours can be spent at your
discretion to complete paperwork and can be completed off-site.

Track 2: Autism Program Externship
The Autism Assessment and Related Therapeutic Services (AARTS) program within the Division
of Pediatric Psychology & Neuropsychology at Mt. Washington Pediatric Hospital offers
externships focusing on the areas of consultation, assessment, and treatment of children with
autism spectrum disorders. Externs in this position will be expected to provide direct assessment
services to patients, provide therapeutic services to children, adolescents and families, and
potentially co-lead social skills groups. Weekly individual supervision will be provided, as well as
opportunities for group supervision, didactics, and observation of ADOS-2 administrations.
The extern will need to be available Monday, as well as a second day, which can be determined
based on availability. The externship program at MWPH is a 20 hours per week
commitment. Students are expected to be on site for 16 hours per week; the additional 4 hours can
be spent at the extern’s discretion to complete paperwork which can be done off-site.

Track 3: Pediatric Feeding Disorders Program
The extern in this position will be expected to work with a multidisciplinary feeding team
including a Gastroenterologist, Nurse Practitioners, Dietitians, Speech therapists, and
Occupational Therapists. The extern will conduct initial evaluations, provide behavioral
consultation to speech therapists and occupational therapist on feeding cases, carry a caseload of
3 to 4 outpatients in addition to participating in feeding day treatment sessions. Pediatric Feeding
services are primarily utilized by children, 1 to 6 years of age, but up to 17 years of age diagnosed with Avoidant/Restrictive Food Intake Disorder. Typical co-morbid diagnoses include children with developmental delays, Anxiety and Autism Spectrum Disorders. Primary presenting problems include food selectivity, g-tube dependence, food anxiety and disruptive mealtime behaviors. Intensive training in protocol development and implementation, behavioral management, and reinforcement contingencies will be provided. Experience/ training/ strong interested in working with Anxiety Disorders, young children (1 to 6 years old), autism, parent-child dyadic treatment and/or ABA interventions preferred, however training will be provided. Weekly individual supervision will be provided. Opportunities for supervisor to directly observe student therapy via one-way mirror or via camera. Co-treatment opportunities are additionally available. If externs are scheduled to work on Thursdays, they will additionally have the opportunity to participate in weekly multidisciplinary feeding rounds, follow-up clinic and family meetings. Preference will be given to advanced applicants who will have completed at least 1 clinical rotation prior to the start of the training year and who are interested in a 12 month placement. However, first year trainees and trainees interested in a 9 month placement are welcome to apply. Trainees will be expected to be present for two days per week with a set schedule. The externship in the feeding program at MWPH is a 20 hour per week commitment. You are expected to be on site for 18 hours per week, 8am to 5pm two days per week; the specific days are flexible.

**Track 4: Weigh Smart Program**
The Division of Pediatric Psychology and Neuropsychology at MWPH is seeking to fill Psychology Externship positions in our obesity program, Weigh Smart® Program. The Weigh Smart® Program is an interdisciplinary clinic, individual and group based program, where psychology works closely with medicine, nutrition and physical therapy to coordinate care for our children. This position provides supervised clinic, group and individual therapy experiences with children (2-18 years) and families in the Weigh Smart® Program. The extern will participate in the assessment for triaging in our evaluation clinic, actively lead groups, and provide direct treatment to children and families of obese children. The position provides one hour of individual supervision and in clinic group supervision as well. A licensed psychologist is present during the evaluation clinic for immediate supervision opportunities. This position is open to advanced externs from APA approved doctoral programs. Applicants should have a background in behavioral, as well as cognitive-behavioral assessment/treatment, and experience in clinical child and/or pediatric psychology. The externship program at MWPH is a 20 hours per week commitment. You are expected to be on site for 16 hours per week. The additional 4 hours can be spent at your discretion to complete paperwork and can be completed off-site.

**Track 5: Neuropsychology**
Please contact Dr. Joseph Cleary at jcleary@mwph.org for more information regarding this externship opportunity.

Sincerely,

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