

**NIH Clinical Psychology Practicum  
Alcohol Use Disorder in Adults Track  
National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA)**

**Overview:**

As part of the NIH Clinical Psychology Practicum Program, the Alcohol Use Disorder in Adults Track is housed within the Office of the Clinical Director of NIAAA. The training site is located at the NIH Clinical Center where the clinical psychology practicum student (also known as “clinical psychology extern”) will engage in a variety of clinical-related activities under the supervision of a credentialed licensed clinical psychologist. The Alcohol Use Disorder in Adults Track is suited for doctoral clinical psychology graduate students currently enrolled in an APA-accredited Ph.D. program in the Washington D.C. area, and especially those who are interested in addiction treatment.

**Primary Supervisor:** Jeremy Luk, Ph.D. ([jeremy.luk@nih.gov](mailto:jeremy.luk@nih.gov))

**General Information:**

Duration: 10-12 months; Time commitment: 16 hours per week (scheduling flexibility may be granted)

Required meetings: Weekly multidisciplinary rounds and weekly face-to-face supervision

**Description of Externship:**

The NIAAA Alcohol Use Disorder (AUD) in Adults Track is designed to provide clinical training experience in the evaluation of AUD and the provision of evidence-based brief interventions for patients with AUD and related conditions. Intervention approaches include individual cognitive behavioral therapy and group skills training informed by dialectical behavior therapy (DBT; see Luk & Thompson, 2024). Practicum students will work within a multidisciplinary team and develop case conceptualization and intervention skills that could facilitate patients’ sobriety goals and promote their quality of life. The patient population is diverse in terms of gender, race/ethnicity, and socioeconomic status, and thus provides an excellent training environment for students who would like to enhance cultural competencies in their clinical work. Applicants who have prior experience with cognitive behavioral therapy will be chosen preferentially.

Luk, J. W., & Thompson, M. F. (2024). Mapping dialectical behavior therapy skills to clinical domains implicated in contemporary addiction research: A conceptual synthesis and promise for precision medicine. *Cognitive and Behavioral Practice*.

**Application Information:**

Interested students should send the following application materials to Jeremy Luk, Ph.D. at [jeremy.luk@nih.gov](mailto:jeremy.luk@nih.gov) (Subject line “Application for NIAAA Clinical Psychology Practicum – Full Name”):

- Curriculum Vitae (CV)
- Letter of interest
- Transcripts (can be unofficial)
- Two letters of recommendation

For the 2025-2026 cycle, applications that are submitted by Friday January 31, 2025 will be given priority consideration, but applications will be accepted until Friday February 21, 2025. For additional information regarding application timeline, please refer to the Washington, DC area Consortium of Doctoral Programs in Clinical Psychology Externship Guidelines (<https://psychpracticum.gmu.edu/consortium-guidelines/>).