



The University of Maryland School of Medicine is currently accepting neuropsychology/psychology externship applications in the Department of Pediatrics and Department of Psychiatry. The externship program offers three tracks including a **neuropsychology externship program within the Department of Pediatrics, psychology externship within the Department of Pediatrics, and psychology externship within the Center for Infant Study (CIS), Department of Psychiatry, Division of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry.** The externship program is a 12-month training experiences and the position is located at the Baltimore campus within the University of Maryland School of Medicine

The **neuropsychology externship** track emphasizes brain-behavior relationships and the behavioral expression of brain dysfunction. Externs are involved in all aspects of the evaluation, including intakes, test administration, report-writing, case conceptualization, and feedback sessions. Externs will have the opportunity to work with patients who have a diverse range of complex medical conditions that affect typical cortical development. They will gain valuable experience in assessing various aspects of cognitive function, including intelligence, language proficiency, memory, motor skills, academic abilities, executive function, personality traits, behavioral patterns, and social-emotional skills. Externs will collaborate and consult with other divisions within the department including oncology, hematology, genetics, neurology, cardiology, and behavior and development. Additionally, students will also gain experience in collaborating with the school system and special education.

The **psychology externship track within the Department of Pediatrics** includes psychological testing and intervention services. Externs are involved in the administration, scoring, interpretation, feedback, and report writing for cases within the Division of Developmental & Behavioral Pediatrics (DBP). Ages of children tested range from approximately 5 years through adolescence, and have a variety of developmental presentations. Externs will have the opportunity to observe and learn specialized measures such as the *ADOS-2*. Intervention services will consist of co-leading social skills groups for children and adolescents within DBP. There may also be additional assessment and group intervention opportunities available within the department. Additionally, we are now offering an additional placement for those interested in working with young children; externs would be involved in our the NICU Follow-Up Program, which consists of providing behavioral and developmental consultations, as well as developmental assessments (including the *Bayley-4* and *ADOS-2*), for children under the age of 3 who are former graduates of UM's NICU. Externs will also have the opportunity to take part in developmental assessments as part of a research study within the Division of Neonatology. Lastly, externs in this placement would also participate in consultations, testing, and feedback for children approximately age 4 and under within DBP.

The **psychology externship track within the Taghi Modarressi Center for Infant Study** will emphasize infant and early childhood mental health, including developmental evaluations and therapy with children from birth to age 6. Externs are involved in all aspects of the evaluation, including intakes, test administration, report-writing, case conceptualization, and feedback sessions. Externs will also carry a caseload of therapy patients with a variety of developmental, mood, and behavioral concerns. Additionally, externs will collaborate and consult with other disciplines within the department including psychiatry, social work, and pediatrics. Psychology

students will also be involved in the CIS Teaching Clinic, a multidisciplinary clinic involving psychology, psychiatry, and social work, which provides diagnostic intakes, seminars, and case discussions.

Externs are a part of the University of Maryland School of Medicine, and as such, they are also invited to participate in Grand Rounds. Students may have the opportunity to gain experience in research depending on their supervisor's current projects.

Students will be given meal vouchers to use in our food court and free parking on their externship days.

The deadline for applications is February 16, 2024. Interviews will be held in January, February, and March. Preference will be given to applicants with experience working with children.

Students interested in applying for the **neuropsychology track** can send a cover letter, CV, and two letters of recommendation to Joseph Cleary, Psy.D. at jcleary@som.umaryland.edu. A sample of written work may be requested as part of the application process.

Students interested in applying for the **Dept. of Pediatrics psychology track** can send a cover letter, CV, and two letters of recommendation to Kathleen Kane, Psy.D. at kkane@som.umaryland.edu.

Students interested in applying to the **CIS psychology track** can send a cover letter, CV, and two letters of recommendation to Antonia Girard, Psy.D., BCBA, LBA at agirard@som.umaryland.edu.

Please feel free to reach out with any questions you may have.