The Division of Pediatric Psychosocial Oncology, within the Department of Psychosocial Oncology and Palliative Care at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute (DFCI) in Boston, Massachusetts, is currently accepting applications for two (2) full-time psychology post-doctoral positions that start Sept. 5, 2017 and end Aug. 31, 2018. Dana-Farber Cancer Institute is a federally designated, comprehensive cancer center and teaching affiliate of Harvard Medical School (HMS) with a longstanding commitment to psychology training. Fellows maintain an academic appointment through the Department of Psychiatry at HMS.

The Post-Doctoral Psychology Fellowship in Pediatric Psychosocial Oncology trains candidates who are interested in pursuing a career in pediatric psychosocial oncology. Designed for the applicant who has received internship training in pediatric or child psychology, the program offers a curriculum of specialized learning experiences that allows fellows by the completion of the program to enter professional practice with highly developed skills to address the needs of this population. Fellows have the opportunity to augment their existing skills in behavioral medicine, cognitive behavioral therapy, family/systems interventions, and other approaches to help children with cancer and their families. Fellows also develop new skills that facilitate coping, promote adherence, and utilize the strengths of the family and larger systems. The program places a high value on developing skills in case formulation, treatment planning, and delivery of evidence-based interventions. Fellows come to integrate into their work a biopsychosocial and developmental perspective that focuses on understanding and ameliorating the impact of cancer on the developing child and his/her family. While fellows are primarily trained in one of the two rotations described below, they also have opportunities during the fellowship year to expand their specialized experience by working with other oncology populations and in other programs so they enter the field with a well-rounded experience base.

A brief description of the two post-doctoral fellowship opportunities follows:

**Psychology Fellowship in Pediatric Neuro-Oncology**

This one-year post-doctoral program offered through the Divisions of Pediatric Neuro-Oncology and Pediatric Psychosocial Oncology offers the opportunity for training in the clinical care of pediatric neuro-oncology patients and families in the in- and out-patient setting. Working as an integral part of the multidisciplinary neuro-oncology team, the fellow will provide psychological care, behavioral consultation, and intervention to patients experiencing a range of central nervous system oncologic issues. As a team member in the Neuro-Oncology Outcomes Program, the fellow also provides behavioral assessment and consultation to survivors of brain tumors and their families. There are also opportunities to develop and administer clinical programs and participate in ongoing research and other academic projects. The successful candidate will have experience in pediatric/health psychology. Additional experience in establishing longer term treatment relationships with children and families is an advantage. For additional information or more detailed program description, please contact Cori Liptak, PhD, at (617) 632-5923 or cori_liptak@dfci.harvard.edu
Psychology Fellowship in Stem Cell Transplantation and School Consultation

This one-year post-doctoral program through the Division of Pediatric Psychosocial Oncology offers training that includes two major components. The first focuses on specialized consultation to survivors of pediatric cancer through our School Liaison Program (SLP), providing consultation and liaison services to patients after treatment, their families, and schools regarding the educational late-effects of oncologic treatment. Many survivors of childhood cancer are at risk for learning and neuro-cognitive deficits due to radiation to the central nervous system and other forms of treatment. This portion of the fellowship is designed to provide specialized training to doctoral-level clinicians to meet the needs of this growing population of pediatric cancer survivors. Fellows engage in intensive collaboration with survivors, schools, and families to develop tailored educational plans.

The second component is as a member of a multidisciplinary team providing psychological care and behavioral consultation and intervention to patients undergoing stem cell transplant and their families. The psychology fellow provides a wide range of emotional support and mental health services to pediatric patients and their caregivers, as well as ongoing consultation to the medical team, schools, and community-based providers. The fellow meets with patients as they begin their transplant course, provides psychosocial support during their inpatient stay at Boston Children’s Hospital, and continues to provide support as they receive outpatient medical care at Dana-Farber’s Jimmy Fund Clinic. Psychosocial services are individualized to meet the unique needs of each patient and family, and may include individual therapy, family therapy, and/or parent guidance.

In addition to experience in pediatric/health psychology, the successful candidate will have experience in school consultation and the interpretation of neuropsychological assessments. For additional information or a more detailed program description, please contact Sarah Tarquini, PhD, at (617) 582-9109 or sarah_tarquini@dfci.harvard.edu

The program has a dedicated, highly experienced faculty that provides expert supervision in individual (a minimum two hours per week) and group (two hours per month) formats. Fellows participate in a full range of didactic training experiences that promote skill development, knowledge of the literature, academic skill and projects, case formulation abilities, and also prepare fellows for the transition to professional life.

Opportunities for interdisciplinary teaching and presentations are available. Dedicated academic time will be provided to fellows on an individualized basis so they may develop and become involved with clinical programming, research, and other academic projects focused on understanding and addressing the needs of the pediatric oncology population. Participation in regional or national conferences will be encouraged. Fellows are also encouraged to attend other educational activities such as psychiatric and medical grand rounds that exist at the many Harvard-affiliated medical institutions in the Longwood Medical Area.
Application Information

Graduation from an APA-accredited psychology doctoral program and completion of an APA-accredited pre-doctoral internship is required. Candidates from clinical, counseling, and school psychology programs are welcome to apply. Please note that while applicants are welcome to apply to both positions, they must indicate a ranking in their cover letter.

General questions or inquiries should be directed to Brian Delaney, PsyD, director of Post-Doctoral Psychology Training, at (617) 632-4206 or brian_delaney@dfci.harvard.edu.

The application deadline is Dec. 15, 2016, and interviews are expected to be completed during the weeks of Jan. 23 and 30, 2017. We are adhering to the APPIC-established uniform notification date (UND) of Feb. 27, 2017, and the process identified by APPIC for post-doctoral programs.

Required Application Materials: 1) Curriculum Vitae; 2) Three letters of reference (including one from internship supervisor); 3) A cover letter that includes a statement of interest; 4) Clinical writing sample (that is not a testing report) of no more than five pages, which is de-identified and represents the applicant’s professional writing ability; and 4) Graduate transcript. Please send all materials with the exception of references in PDF format in one email to brian_delaney@dfci.harvard.edu.

References may be sent separately to the same email address or to:

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