

Dana-Farber Cancer Institute
Department of Psychosocial Oncology and Palliative Care
Division of Pediatric Psychosocial Oncology
Post-Doctoral Psychology Fellowships in Pediatric Psychosocial Oncology

The Division of Pediatric Psychosocial Oncology within the Department of Psychosocial Oncology and Palliative Care at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute (DFCI) in Boston, Massachusetts is currently accepting applications for **two** full-time Post-Doctoral Psychology Fellows that will start on September 5, 2023, and end on August 31, 2024. The DFCI is a federally designated, comprehensive cancer center and teaching affiliate of Harvard Medical School (HMS) with a longstanding commitment to psychology training. Fellows maintain outpatient clinical privileges at the Jimmy Fund Clinic at DFCI, inpatient clinical privileges at Boston Children's Hospital, and an academic appointment through the Department of Psychiatry at HMS.

The Post-Doctoral Psychology Fellowship Program in Pediatric Psychosocial Oncology is designed for candidates who have received internship training in pediatric or child psychology and who are interested in pursuing a career in pediatric psychosocial oncology. Fellows participate in a full range of didactic training experiences that promote clinical, academic, and professional skill development. Attendance at other educational activities at the many Harvard-affiliated medical institutions in the Longwood Medical Area, such as psychiatric and medical grand rounds, is encouraged. Salary is commensurate with NIH post-doctoral salary guidelines, currently \$54,840. Benefits include health and dental insurance, paid vacation time, and more.

At the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, we work every day to create an innovative, caring, and inclusive environment where every patient, family, and staff member feels they belong. As relentless as we are in our mission to reduce the burden of cancer for all, we are equally committed to diversifying our faculty, staff, and trainees. Cancer knows no boundaries and when it comes to hiring the most dedicated and diverse professionals, neither do we. If working in this kind of organization inspires you, we encourage you to apply.

A brief description of each post-doctoral fellowship opportunity is presented below.

(1) **Pediatric Oncology and Blood Disorders Track:**

This one-year post-doctoral fellowship program offered through the Division of Pediatric Psychosocial Oncology offers comprehensive pediatric psychosocial oncology training across multiple disease teams in both inpatient and outpatient settings. Working as an integral part of the Stem Cell Transplant (SCT) multidisciplinary team, the fellow provides psychological care, behavioral consultation, and individualized intervention to patients and their family members across the SCT treatment trajectory. As a member of the Hematological Malignancy and Solid Tumor multidisciplinary teams, the fellow conducts specialized clinical assessments and provides targeted psychological interventions for patients and their family members at various points in treatment.

Based on interest, protected time is available to develop and implement clinical programs and/or to participate in ongoing research and academic projects. Optional clinical opportunities are also available for fellows who are interested in school-based consultation/liaison services, survivorship psychosocial screenings, and genetic predisposition consultations.

(2) **Pediatric Neuro-Oncology Track:**

This one-year post-doctoral fellowship program offered through the Divisions of Pediatric Psychosocial Oncology and Pediatric Neuro-Oncology offers two training components in the clinical care of pediatric neuro-oncology patients and families in both inpatient and outpatient settings.

The first component of this fellowship track focuses on providing psychological care, behavioral consultation, and intervention to on-treatment patients experiencing a range of CNS oncologic issues. As a team member in the multidisciplinary Neuro-Oncology Survivorship Clinic, the fellow also provides behavioral assessment and consultation to survivors of pediatric brain tumors and their families.

The second component of this fellowship track is providing specialized consultation to survivors of pediatric brain tumors through our School Liaison Program (SLP). The SLP provides consultation/liaison services to off-treatment patients, their families, and schools regarding the educational late-effects of oncologic treatment. This portion of the fellowship is designed to provide specialized training to meet the needs of this growing population of pediatric cancer survivors. Fellows engage in intensive collaboration with survivors, schools, and families to work toward patients' long-term educational access and success.

Based on interest, protected time is available to develop and implement clinical programs and/or contribute to ongoing research and academic projects.

Application Details & Requirements:

- Our program will follow APPIC Postdoctoral Selection Standards and Common Hold Date
- Graduation from an APA-accredited psychology doctoral program and completion of an APA-accredited pre-doctoral internship is required prior to start of fellowship. Candidates from clinical, counseling, and school psychology programs are welcome to apply.
- Application deadline is **Friday December 9, 2022**.
- Send the following materials in PDF format in one email to: Taylor Hale, Administrative Support Specialist, at dfcippotraining@partners.org
 - (1) Curriculum Vitae
 - (2) A cover letter that includes a statement of interest for one or both tracks
 - (3) Clinical writing sample (that is not a testing report) of no more than 5 pages that is de-identified and represents the applicant's professional writing ability
- Send 3 letters of reference (including one from an internship supervisor) to: Taylor Hale, Administrative Support Specialist, at dfcippotraining@partners.org
- Send official graduate transcript to: Taylor Hale, 450 Brookline Ave., Jimmy Fund Bldg. 730A, Boston, MA 02215
- For additional information regarding the DFCI Post-Doctoral Psychology Fellowship Program or the associated application requirements, please contact Sarah Tarquini, PhD at sarah_tarquini@dfci.harvard.edu