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 (2) full-time psychology post-doctoral positions that start September 3, 2019 and end August 31, 2020. The 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. The program places a high value on developing skills in case formulation, treatment planning and implementation of evidence-based interventions. 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 that they enter the field with a well-rounded experience base.

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

1) **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 both in- and out-patient settings. Working as an integral part of the multidisciplinary neuro-oncology team, the fellow will provide psychological care, behavioral consultation and intervention to on-treatment patients experiencing a range of CNS 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 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 Brian Delaney, PsyD (617) 632-4206 or brian_delaney@dfci.harvard.edu

2) **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/liaison services to off-treatment patients, 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, behavioral consultation and intervention to patients undergoing stem cell transplant (SCT) 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 completes a psychological assessment of patients prior to admission for transplant, provides individualized psychosocial support during their inpatient stay at Boston Children’s Hospital, and continues to work with patients and family members as they receive outpatient medical care in the Jimmy Fund Clinic at DFCI. 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.

Within the SLP and SCT rotations opportunities are available to develop and administer clinical programs and to participate in ongoing research and other academic projects. Successful candidates will have experience in pediatric/health psychology, as well as experience in school consultation and the interpretation of neuropsychological assessments. For additional information or more detailed program description, please contact Sarah Tarquini, Ph.D. at (617) 582-9109 or sarah_tarquini@dfci.harvard.edu

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 prepare fellows for the transition to professional life. Attendance at other educational activities such as psychiatric and medical grand rounds at the many Harvard-affiliated medical institutions in the Longwood Medical Area is encouraged. Opportunities for interdisciplinary teaching and presentations are available. Based on interest, fellows will have opportunities to participate in faculty research projects.

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 may apply to both positions, they must indicate a ranking in their cover letter.

Benefits include: health and dental insurance, 4 weeks of paid vacation and other benefits. Salary is $47,500.

General questions or inquiries should be directed to Brian Delaney, PsyD, Director, Fellowship Program in Pediatric Psychosocial Oncology at (617) 632-4206 or brian_delaney@dfci.harvard.edu

Application Deadline: December 3, 2018

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 5 pages that 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: Brian L. Delaney, Psy.D., Director, Post-Doctoral Psychology Training
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