

Center for Autism Spectrum Disorders

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Postdoctoral Fellowship in Autism and School-Based Intervention Implementation **Children's National Hospital, Washington D.C.**

The Center for Autism Spectrum Disorders (CASD) at Children's National Hospital is recruiting a full-time postdoctoral fellow specializing in autism spectrum disorders (ASD) to support the clinical research activities of a NIMH-funded type 1 hybrid effectiveness-implementation trial (R01MH124772) under the mentorship of Dr. Cara Pugliese.

This project tests the effectiveness of a school based executive function intervention for transition-age youth with ASD and simultaneously examines implementation outcomes and contextual factors influencing implementation using mixed-methods approaches. Appointments will be made for one year, with a second year re-appointment expected based on review of the fellow's progress.

Fellowship Description

This fellowship is ideally suited for a candidate interested in pursuing a career in clinical research and gaining training to learn the skills necessary to become an independent investigator. Specific responsibilities include:

- Supervision and mentorship of research staff
- Managing study protocols and procedures
- Oversight of school and participant enrollment and retention, assistance with assessment
- Provide intervention training and consultation to school staff
- Performing school-based interventionist fidelity assessments
- Supporting mixed-methods data management and analysis
- Leading and contributing to manuscript preparation and publication
- Presentation of findings at professional conferences

The fellow will also have access to rich training opportunities in assessment/treatment within CASD alongside fellows in the clinical fellowship training program. There are opportunities to obtain supervised professional experience hours for psychology licensure both via study assessments and supervised diagnostic and developmental assessment and treatment opportunities within CASD.

Postdoctoral Applicant Qualifications

- Completion an APA/CPA-accredited doctoral program in psychology (Clinical & School preferred)
- Strong prior training and experience with youth on the autism spectrum is required; experience administering other gold-standard diagnostic measures is preferred
- A record of meaningful participation and productivity in relevant autism research. Competitive candidates have peer-reviewed publications and strong skills in statistical analysis
- Strong interest in intervention science and implementation of interventions in real-world settings
- Strong organizational and team management skills
- Excellent interpersonal, communication, and written skills and work well both independently and in collaborative environments
- Access to a car - our research occurs across several school districts in the metro area
- [A commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion](#)

About CASD

CASD is the largest multidisciplinary pediatric autism program in the Washington, D.C., region. We value trainee diversity, cultural competence, and ability to contribute to our work with diverse and underserved populations. Our mission is to excel in care, advocacy, research, and education through:

- Providing a quality health care experience for our patients and families through a coordinated program of state-of-the-art clinical services
- Improving health outcomes for children regionally, nationally, and internationally by educating the next generation of clinicians in best practices for autism evaluation, diagnosis and treatment
- Creating innovative solutions to pediatric health challenges by conducting research that includes and reflects the neuro-diverse population we serve
- Embracing neurodiversity and welcoming autistic individuals as collaborators, research trainees, students and staff members
- Creating an inclusive environment and dismantling systems of inequity. We celebrate diversity in our trainees and our colleagues at all levels, promote cultural competence, and seek providers who strive to contribute to our work with diverse and underserved populations.

Salary/Benefits

This position has an annual full-time salary based on NIH post-doctoral fellowship guidelines. Children's National offers excellent [health benefits](#), more than four weeks of paid time off per year, and a professional expense stipend for conference travel. The fellow will have private office space and free parking at our Rockville office. Children's National Hospital is an equal opportunity employer with a strong institutional commitment to diversity in all areas.

Appointment: Summer/Fall 2022

How to Apply

Applications are requested by **December 15, 2021**. **Review of applications will begin immediately** and qualified applicants will be invited for virtual interviews (onsite visits can be arranged upon request). We have an online portal for submitting your documents.

Access the Application and Online Portal: <https://cri-datacap.org/surveys/?s=3XFHX7MPK9>

Materials to be uploaded to the portal by the applicant:

- Letter of interest addressing clinical and research interests, goals, and perceived match to this position
- Curriculum Vitae
- One or more representative peer-reviewed publications written by the applicant
- Two de-identified assessment reports written by the applicant (for applicants from Clinical programs)

Materials to be emailed or mailed from other sources:

- Three letters of recommendation e-mailed directly from the recommenders. We do not accept letters sent by the applicant. Mailed hard copies should be signed across the seal of the envelope.
- Official graduate transcripts sent from your graduate institution(s), by mail or email.

Letters of recommendation and transcripts should be sent to:

Cara Pugliese, PhD

Email (preferred): CPuglies@childrensnational.org

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Interested individuals are encouraged to reach out to Dr. Pugliese to learn about the position