

## **PREDOCTORAL EXTERNSHIPS**

The Johns Hopkins Division for Rehabilitation Psychology and Neuropsychology  
Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (PM&R)

We offer predoctoral externships in:

### **Clinical**

**Inpatient Assessment and Intervention in a Rehabilitation Hospital**  
**Outpatient Clinical Neuropsychology Assessment in a Rehabilitation**

### **Clinical Research**

**Clinical Pain Psychology**  
**Disability Prevention in Minoritized Elders**

Applications will be due in early February (deadline TBD)

We prioritize the health and safety of trainees. Therefore, decisions regarding in-person versus remote externship training in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic will be made closer to the externship start date and will be guided by Johns Hopkins University COVID-19 experts and policy. We encourage applicants to be prepared for in-person training.

### **About Rehabilitation Psychology and Neuropsychology**

Rehabilitation psychologists and neuropsychologists serve people and their support partners (e.g., family members, caregivers) affected by injury, chronic illness, and disability, including people with traumatic brain injury, brain tumor, stroke, spinal cord injury, limb loss, sensory loss, burn injury, chronic pain, multiple sclerosis, neuromuscular disorders, and other conditions.

At Johns Hopkins, our rehabilitation psychology and neuropsychology faculty and postdoctoral fellows provide clinical services and conduct research in inpatient and outpatient settings. We work in teams with physicians, physical therapists, occupational therapists, speech-language pathologists, social workers, nurses, dietitians, and allied health professionals to assess and address cognitive, emotional, and functional difficulties, and to help people participate fully in their daily activities. We strive to promote independence and reduce barriers for people with disabilities.

### **Training Leadership**

- Director of Psychology Training: Abbey Hughes, PhD, ABPP ([abbeyjhughes@jhmi.edu](mailto:abbeyjhughes@jhmi.edu))
- Program Directors for Externship Training: Nicole Schechter, PsyD, ABPP ([nschech1@jhmi.edu](mailto:nschech1@jhmi.edu)) and Eva Keatley, PhD ([ekeatle1@jhmi.edu](mailto:ekeatle1@jhmi.edu))

### **Training Period (beginning Sept 1, 2023)**

- 9 months, with option to extend to 12 months on a case-by-case basis

## **Required Qualifications**

- Enrolled and in good standing in an APA-accredited clinical or counseling psychology (PhD or PsyD) doctoral program
- Satisfactory completion of at least one prior supervised predoctoral practicum/externship (for clinical externships)
- Background Check
- Covid-19 Vaccination and Flu Vaccination adherent with Johns Hopkins Medicine policies (<https://covidinfo.jhu.edu/health-safety/covid-vaccination-information/>)

## **Preferred Qualifications**

- Entering Year 4 of 5 of a doctoral training program
- Completion of foundational graduate coursework in assessment and psychotherapy
- Familiarity with empirically-supported treatments

## **Program Inquiries**

Questions about our predoctoral externships may be directed to [hopkinspmrpsychology@jhmi.edu](mailto:hopkinspmrpsychology@jhmi.edu). You may also contact the externship director at the email address above. Please allow 2-3 business days for a reply.

## **Predoctoral Externship Positions**

The mission of our predoctoral externship program is to introduce trainees to the specialty areas of rehabilitation psychology and neuropsychology. All predoctoral externship activities are supervised by licensed psychology faculty and postdoctoral fellows. Externs also attend weekly didactics and monthly seminars within the Division for Rehabilitation Psychology and Neuropsychology, and the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (PM&R). Completion of our program will prepare externs for advanced training in these specialty areas, as well as in health service psychology more broadly.

### **Inpatient Assessment and Intervention in a Rehabilitation Hospital (Clinical)**

- Locations: Johns Hopkins Hospital and Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center (Baltimore, MD)
- Weekly Commitment: 2 days (~16 hours)

Our externship in inpatient clinical rehabilitation psychology and neuropsychology focuses on assessment, treatment, and team consultation regarding adult rehabilitation populations with a wide range of injuries, disabilities, and acute and chronic health conditions. Externs provide direct assessment and treatment services to rehabilitation inpatients, work closely with

interprofessional rehabilitation teams, and engage in consultation with other health care providers.

### **Outpatient Neuropsychology Assessment in a Rehabilitation Clinic (Clinical)**

- Locations: Johns Hopkins Hospital (Baltimore, MD), Green Spring Station (Lutherville, MD), and Howard County General Hospital (Columbia, MD)
- Weekly Commitment: 1 or 2 days (~8 or 16 hours)

Our externship in clinical outpatient neuropsychology focuses on neuropsychological assessment of adult rehabilitation patients with a wide range of injuries, disabilities, and acute and chronic health conditions. Externs provide direct neuropsychological assessment services to rehabilitation outpatients, with an emphasis on test administration, scoring, and interpretation. Externs also participate in clinical interviews and integrated report writing.

### **Clinical Pain Psychology (Research)**

Location: Johns Hopkins Hospital (Baltimore, MD) and virtual

Weekly Commitment: 1 or 2 days (~8 to 16 hours), Wednesday preferred

Our externship in clinical pain psychology research focuses on clinical pain research in adults with a variety of acute and chronic pain conditions. Externs provide support collecting and analyzing data from methodologies including the laboratory based assessment of pain processing (i.e., quantitative sensory testing), systematic review and meta-analysis of scientific literature, and electronic medical record extraction and analysis, among others. Opportunities to contribute to presentations and manuscripts are available for dedicated externs. The ideal candidate for this position is an advanced graduate student with prior research experience.

### **Disability Prevention in Minoritized Elders (Research)**

Location: Johns Hopkins Hospital (Baltimore, MD) as needed for required in-person activities (e.g., orientation), and virtual

Weekly commitment: 1 or 2 days (~8 to 16 hours) with flexibility on days of the week.

This research externship focuses on disability prevention for minoritized older adults via culturally adapted evidence-based interventions. It also provides the opportunity to work on a pilot project related to the adaptation of the intervention to a medical population, including its linguistic adaptation to Spanish and its implementation in community settings. Externs provide support in systematic reviews, and collecting and analyzing both qualitative and quantitative data, among other opportunities. Opportunities to contribute to presentations and manuscripts are available for dedicated externs. The ideal candidate for this position is an advanced graduate student with prior research experience. Given the aims of the research, Spanish fluency is preferred, though not required for this opportunity.