Yale Fellowship in Developmental Psychopathology and Social Neuroscience

The Yale Autism Center of Excellence and Yale Early Social Cognition Lab are seeking highly qualified college graduates for the Yale Fellowship in Developmental Psychopathology and Social Neuroscience. Recipients of the fellowship will participate in cutting-edge clinical, developmental, and computational research on social cognition in infants at risk for autism as well as toddlers affected by developmental disabilities at the Yale Child Study Center. The Yale Child Study Center is a leading institution for research on autism and related social disabilities, with a multidisciplinary approach to autism research spanning projects in behavioral neuroscience, neuroimaging, molecular and population genetics, and treatment. Successful applicants will be involved in a two-year program of training involving clinical and research experiences, beginning on or about July 1, 2018.

The fellowship's curriculum includes participation in weekly science meetings, weekly Yale Early Social Cognition Laboratory meetings, research tutorials and courses, and other didactic experiences at the Yale Child Study Center, School of Medicine, and Departments of Psychology and Statistics.

The primary training experience will be in daily activities related to behavioral, psychophysiological, and eye-tracking studies of infants and toddlers with and without autism. Fellows will be responsible for assisting in a variety of research activities including fetal and neonatal imaging as well as experimental protocols with infants and toddlers and their families. Additional tasks will include administering standardized assessment procedures, coding behavioral measures, entering data, video recording assessments, assisting in the preparation of manuscripts and conference presentations, and providing general assistance relevant to the functioning of the Lab. With research mentorship, selected applicants will be expected to guide a pre-determined project of research from the point of data collection through analysis and publication of results. Successful applicants will be directly mentored by the program directors and faculty, and involved in a highly active and productive community of clinical research scientists.
Award Details

Sponsor Institution: Yale Child Study Center, Yale University

Program Director: Katarzyna Chawarska

Additional Faculty: Suzanne Macari, Kelly Powell, Scuddy Fontenelle, IV, and Quan Wang

Award Amount: $30,000 per year in Year 1; $32,000 in Year 2 (plus full healthcare coverage)

Term of Award: 2 years

Application Deadline: January 15, 2018 at 5 pm EST

U.S. Citizenship: Not Required

Eligibility Requirements

Eligible are college graduates who will have received a bachelor's degree before beginning the position. Masters level candidates will also be considered. While candidates are expected to have some experience with a statistical analysis package (e.g., SPSS, R), outstanding analytic skills, and an interest in clinical research, applicants from a wide variety of backgrounds are encouraged. Previous research experience in developmental, cognitive, or clinical child psychology labs will be favorably reviewed, as will experience with computer programming.

Please note that this fellowship is not offered concurrently with graduate studies. However, we hope that the fellowship will serve as an important stepping stone towards future graduate studies.

For more specific questions, interested applicants should contact Suzanne Macari (suzanne.macari@yale.edu).
Application Information

A complete application includes 1 copy of each of the following items, preferably in pdf format:

- A completed application cover page, including name, DOB, mailing address, telephone, email, degree/major/GPA, name/title/institution/phone for 2 referees.
- A CV
- Official transcripts, undergraduate and graduate (if applicable). Transcripts should be sent directly from the institution.
- A 2-page personal statement containing biographic material, relevant experience, and career goals - can be single or double spaced
- Two letters of recommendation that speak directly to the candidate’s potential. Electronic copies of recommendation letters are preferred and must be emailed to yescog@yale.edu directly from the recommender. Hard copies may be sent by recommenders in signed and sealed envelopes to the address below.
- Please include your full name on EVERY PAGE of the items listed above.

Electronic applications (with scanned documents and separate letters of recommendation emailed directly from referees) are preferred and can be sent directly to yescog@yale.edu

Submission Deadline: Application, personal statement and CV must be received by January 15, 2018. All supporting materials must be received by 5pm EST on January 29, 2018.

Items not sent electronically can be sent to:

Yale Early Social Cognition Lab, 40 Temple St., Suite 7D, New Haven, CT 06510.

For a list of recent publications, visit the Yale Early Social Cognition Lab website:

http://www.childstudycenter.yale.edu/yescog/

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Gender: ___M ___F  DOB: ____________

Mailing Address (Current)  Permanent Address (After Graduation)
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Telephone: _______________  Email: ______________________________

Prior Study:
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Degree:
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Recommendations:
R1: ________________________________________________________________
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R2: ________________________________________________________________
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Signature: ___________________________________________________________
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I certify that the information given by me on this application and supporting documents is complete and accurate, and I understand that any misrepresentation may be cause for refusing acceptance or dismissal from the fellowship program.