



Sara S. Sparrow Fellowship in the Clinical Neuroscience of Autism

The Sara S. Sparrow Fellowship in clinical neuroscience seeks highly qualified college graduates to participate in cutting-edge clinical research on autism spectrum disorder in the [McPartland Lab](#) and the [Yale Developmental Disabilities Clinic](#) at the [Yale Child Study Center](#) and through the [Center for Brain and Mind Health](#). The Child Study Center is a leading institution for clinical research on autism and related conditions, with a multidisciplinary approach spanning neuroscience, neuroimaging, genetics, and clinical care. Successful applicants will be involved in a program of training incorporating both clinical and research experiences, commencing on July 1, 2026.

The primary training experience will be in daily activities related to clinical neuroscience research. The fellowship's curriculum includes participation in weekly rounds in the Yale Developmental Disabilities Clinic (year-long), biweekly journal club meetings (year-long), weekly lab meetings (year-long), a weekly seminar on autism taught by Drs. James McPartland, Kelly Powell, and Mariana Torres-Viso (1 semester), and other didactic experiences at the Yale Child Study Center. Fellows will gain experience working with autistic children and adults and their families, as well as individuals with other neurodevelopmental and psychiatric conditions and neurotypical participants. Training and research opportunities include exposure to a range of neuroscience methods, such as electroencephalography (EEG) and event related potentials (ERP), eye tracking, functional near-infrared spectroscopy (fNIRS), transcranial magnetic stimulation (TMS), and positron emission tomography (PET). Fellows will also receive training in clinical and behavioral assessment, including participation on multidisciplinary clinical teams in the Developmental Disabilities Clinic. Fellows will gain experience in all aspects of clinical research, from recruiting participants to analyzing data and contributing to grant applications and manuscripts. Fellows will also be provided opportunities to submit their own research for conference presentation and potential publication. Successful applicants will be directly mentored by Dr. McPartland and lab faculty and be involved in a highly active and productive community of clinical research scientists at Yale and at collaborating groups in the United States and abroad.

Sponsor Institution: [Yale Child Study Center](#), Yale University

Lab Director: [James McPartland](#)

Lab Faculty: [Julie Wolf](#), [Adam Naples](#), [Christine Cukar-Capizzi](#), [Elizabeth Baker](#)

Collaborating Yale Faculty: [Kasia Chawarska](#), [George Anderson](#), [Denis Sukhodolsky](#), [Linda Mayes](#), [Flora Vaccarino](#), [Michael Crowley](#), [Pamela Ventola](#), [Wendy Silverman](#), [Vinod Srihari](#), [Roger Jou](#), [Joy Hirsch](#), [David Matuskey](#), [Sherab Tsheringla](#), [Helena Rutherford](#), [Murat Gunel](#), [Jong Rho](#), [Yong-Hui Jiang](#), [Steven Schiff](#), [Eyiyesi Damisah](#), [Kia Nobre](#), [Nick Turk-Browne](#), [Christopher Pittenger](#), [Sarah Yip](#), [Godfrey Pearlson](#), [Abha Gupta](#)

Award Amount: \$44,400 (plus full healthcare coverage)

Term of Award: Two years (with the second year conditional on progress made in the first year)

Submission Deadline: February 1, 2026

Eligibility Requirements

College graduates who will have received a bachelor's degree by June 2026 are eligible. Candidates with previous experience with autism, children, or psychology/neuroscience research will be favorably reviewed.

Please note that this fellowship is not offered concurrently with graduate studies. However, we intend for the fellowship to serve as an important preparatory step for graduate studies upon completion of the program.

Application Information

For more specific questions, interested applicants should contact mcp.lab@yale.edu or call (203) 737-4586.

A complete application includes **1 copy of each** of the following items in a **single PDF file**:

1. A completed application form (below).
2. A resume or CV.
3. Undergraduate and graduate (if applicable) transcripts. They need not be official.
4. A two-page personal statement containing biographic material, relevant experience, and career goals. This can be single or double-spaced.
5. Two signed letters of recommendation that speak directly to the candidate's potential (sent separately by the recommenders).
6. A sample of the candidate's scientific writing (at least five pages).

Applications (with separate letters of recommendation emailed directly from referees) can be sent directly to mcp.lab@yale.edu.

In accordance with university requirements, postgraduate trainees in this position are expected to be on campus full time for in-person training.

Yale University's Equal Opportunity Statement

The University is committed to basing judgments concerning the admission, education, and employment of individuals upon their qualifications and abilities and seeks to attract to its faculty, staff, and student body qualified persons from a broad range of backgrounds and perspectives.

Additionally, in accordance with this Policy and as delineated by federal and Connecticut law, Yale does not discriminate in admissions, educational programs, or employment against any individual on account of that individual's sex; sexual orientation; gender identity or expression; pregnancy, childbirth or related conditions; race; color; national or ethnic origin; religion; age; disability; protected veteran status, or other protected classes as set forth in federal and Connecticut law.

APPLICATION FORM

Scores (report at least one test):

SAT SCORES: Overall _____ Math _____

Critical Reading _____ Writing _____ or Evidence-Based Reading and Writing _____

or

ACT SCORES: Composite _____ English _____ Math _____ Reading _____ Science _____

or

GRE SCORES: Verbal _____ Quantitative _____ Writing _____

or

OTHER SCORES (eg. TOEFL): Test _____ Score _____

If none of these tests have been taken, please explain here. Applications will still be accepted.

Recommendations:

R1: _____
Name Title

Institution Phone

R2: _____
Name Title

Institution Phone

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.

Signature: _____
Name Date