

**UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI**  
**School of Health Professions**  
**Department of Health Psychology**

**POSTDOCTORAL FELLOW POSITION (AUTISM FOCUS-CLINICAL)**

**Position:** The Department of Health Psychology and the Thompson Center for Autism and Neurodevelopmental Disorders at the University of Missouri-Columbia are seeking candidates for a Postdoctoral Fellowship position. The Postdoctoral Fellowship is a one-year position (with the possibility of a 2<sup>nd</sup> year) with a start date on or around July 1, 2022. Children seen include those with neurotrauma and other neurodevelopmental disorders, though the emphasis is on children with autism spectrum disorders (ASD) and their families. The fellow will participate in interdisciplinary health care diagnostic teams, supervision within a tiered model, and a wide variety of clinical and didactic opportunities to develop advanced competencies in the specialty area of ASD. This position is funded through the Thompson Center with an academic home in the Department of Health Psychology.

**Setting:** Research and clinical training activities will occur primarily at the Thompson Center for Autism and Neurodevelopmental Disorders at the University of Missouri. The Thompson Center is a state-of-the-art facility dedicated to research, training, and service innovations to improve the lives of individuals with ASD and other neurodevelopmental disorders. The Thompson Center is a unique collaboration of colleges and schools that brings together experts from numerous departments across the University of Missouri campus to expand research and services for children affected by neurodevelopmental disorders. The Thompson Center integrates research, teaching, and service in one central location. Clinical services provided at the Thompson Center currently include medicine, neuropsychology, pediatric psychology, occupational therapy, speech/language therapy, applied behavioral analysis, psychiatry, and education. For additional information about the School of Health Professions and the Thompson Center, please visit the following websites: <https://healthprofessions.missouri.edu/> and <http://thompsoncenter.missouri.edu>.

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**Primary Activities:** This postdoctoral training experience will include clinical activities focused on children with a range of neurodevelopmental disorders. Clinical activities will include participation in psychological and interdisciplinary evaluations and some intervention with children presenting with a wide array of difficulties, with the majority of clinical work focused on autism spectrum disorders. The fellow may also have opportunities for leading multi-disciplinary evaluations and supervision of less experienced clinicians (e.g., practicum students). The fellow will also be supported in taking the EPPP exam and meeting other licensure requirements.

**Qualifications:** Applicants must have a doctoral degree in clinical psychology or related degree from an APA-accredited doctoral program. Candidates will be evaluated on experience with children with autism spectrum disorders, testing and experience with the Autism Diagnostic and Observation Schedule-Second Edition (ADOS-2) and/or the Autism Diagnostic Interview-Revised (ADI-R). Training available for motivated applicants.

**Salary:** Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience for the applicant, with a starting salary of \$54,840/annually.

**Professional Development/Travel Funds:** \$500 annually

**Application:** Applicants for the position should send the following:

1. Letter of interest
2. Current Curriculum Vita
3. Graduate Transcripts (unofficial)
4. Three letters of reference/recommendation
5. Clinical work sample (de-identified)

**Deadline: December 1, 2022**

Review of Applications will begin immediately and will continue until the position is filled.

Direct applications and questions to:

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*All new hires will be required to submit proof of vaccination prior to your start date. If you would like to request a medical or religious exemption, you must do so upon acceptance of employment so our team has time to review prior to your scheduled start date. You will not be allowed to begin work until you have submitted proof of vaccination or received an approved medical or religious exemption.*