The Yale Fellowship in Autism Clinical Research and Community Wellness at the Yale Child Study Center is recruiting highly qualified students for an intensive pre-doctoral fellowship for current graduating seniors (class of 2022) dedicated to a life-long career serving the greater autism community. The position will commence June 2022.

The Yale Child Study Center is a leading institution in autism research. Fellows will have the opportunity to shadow weekly developmental disability clinic rounds, attend Child Study Center Grand Rounds, as well as other departmental Grand Rounds lectures in the School of Medicine.

The fellowship is up to two years in duration, with the second year being conditional on performance in the first year. The fellowship combines elements of experiential learning with supervision, self-directed learning, and shadowing. Research training encompasses learning to lead and coordinate multiple pharmaceutical clinical trials involving children and adults with autism. Clinical training will include training on assessments used in autism evaluation and observation of clinical evaluation through the Developmental Disabilities Clinic. Fellows will be directly involved in communication with families. Fellows will have the opportunity to peer-mentor adults with autism online through weekly small group meetings. Fellows will engage in community outreach and develop leadership skills while directing organized online social groups for families and individuals with autism. Fellows will manage an online meetup platform with about 1,500 members including individuals with ASD, parents, students, and professionals. For the most up-to-date and detailed information about the group’s work, please visit online @DrRogerJou. Fellows are encouraged to develop and implement creative in-person events and will co-facilitate activities. Selected applicants will be expected to present results of their own work related to autism research. While prior autism experience is required, experience in clinical, research, and/or community-based settings is accepted. Successful candidates will have a high degree of initiative and independence with strong organizational and interpersonal skills. Applicants with strong skills in using social media platforms are preferred. Selected applicants must have the ability to work effectively with many types of people across different settings while juggling multiple tasks. Flexibility, industry, endurance, and attention to detail are also essential qualities. Fellows starting salary will be $35,700/year. Upon completion of this fellowship, successful applicants in the past have transitioned to medical school or graduate school in psychology or education.

Eligibility Requirements

Eligible candidates are graduating seniors who will have obtained a bachelor's degree by June 2022. Applicants from a wide variety of backgrounds are encouraged; however, United States citizenship is a requirement for this particular fellowship.

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

Application Information


For more specific questions, interested applicants should contact Cheyanne Sebolt B.A. (cheyanne.sebolt@yale.edu) or Aniela Bordofsky B.A. (aniela.bordofsky@yale.edu). Electronic submissions are required. A complete application includes 1 copy of each of the following items:

Resume or CV

Transcript

A 2-page personal statement containing biographic material, relevant experience, and career goals - can be single or double spaced

Two letters of recommendations should be emailed to Cheyanne Sebolt (cheyanne.sebolt@yale.edu) and Aniela Bordofsky (aniela.bordofsky@yale.edu). The recommender should include the applicants full name in the subject line.

Interested students should send their CV, personal statement, and transcript, no later than January 31st, 2022. Letters of recommendation should also arrive no later than January 31st, 2022.

Application materials and questions regarding the Yale Fellowship in Autism Clinical Research and Community Wellness should be emailed to Cheyanne Sebolt (cheyanne.sebolt@yale.edu) and Aniela Bordofsky (aniela.bordofsky@yale.edu).