The **Sara S. Sparrow Fellowship** in clinical neuroscience seeks highly qualified college graduates to participate in cutting-edge clinical research on autism in the McPartland Lab and the Yale Developmental Disabilities Clinic at the Yale Child Study Center and through the Autism Biomarkers Consortium for Clinical Trials. 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 or before July 1, 2024.

The primary training experience will be in daily activities related to clinical neuroscience research. The fellowship’s curriculum includes participation in a weekly seminar on autism taught by Drs. James McPartland, Kelly Powell, and Mariana Torres-Viso (1 semester), weekly rounds in the Yale Developmental Disabilities Clinic (year-long), biweekly journal club meetings (year-long), weekly lab meetings (year-long), 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 electrophysiological brain recording using electroencephalography (EEG) and event related potentials (ERP), eye tracking, functional near-infrared spectroscopy (fNIRS), transcranial magnetic stimulation (TMS), positron emission tomography (PET), and behavioral assessment for ASD, including participation on multidisciplinary clinical teams in the Developmental Disabilities Clinic. Fellows will gain experience and exposure to all aspects of clinical research, from recruiting participants to analyzing data and authoring manuscripts. Fellows will also be provided opportunities to submit research for conference presentation and potential publication. Successful applicants will be directly mentored by Dr. McPartland 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  
**Collaborating Faculty:** Kasia Chawarska, George Anderson, Denis Sukhodolsky, Linda Mayes, Flora Vaccarino, Michael Crowley, Pamela Ventola, Wendy Silverman, Julie Wolf, Alan Anticevic, Vinod Srihari, Roger Jou, Joy Hirsch, David Matuskey, David Grodberg, Adam Naples, Christine Cukar-Capizzi, Cara Keifer  
**Award Amount:** $38,400 (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, 2024

**Eligibility Requirements**  
College graduates who will have received a bachelor's degree by June 2024 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.
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 recommender).
6. SAT, ACT, or GRE scores (official score reports not needed; see application form).
7. 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 and will need to verify COVID-19 vaccination status.

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Deadline: February 1, 2024

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Prior Study

Institution #1: ______________________________________________

Institution Dates Attended

City State

Degree: _____________________________________________________

Type of Degree Major GPA

Institution #2: ______________________________________________

Institution Dates Attended

City State

Degree: _____________________________________________________

Type of Degree Major GPA
Scores (report at least one test):

SAT SCORES:
Overall _____ Math _____ Critical Reading _____ Writing _____

or

Overall _____ Math _____ 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_____