



Clinical Psychology Fellowship Contract  
2021 - 2022

Agreement between \_\_\_\_\_ ("Clinical Psychology Fellow" or "you") and Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center ("CCHMC") with reference to the appointment of the Clinical Psychology Fellow in the Clinical Psychology Fellowship Program for a period to commence 7/6/2021 and terminate 7/5/2022.

I. An annualized salary/stipend of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ will be paid by CCHMC. Wages are paid on a bi-weekly basis in accordance with CCHMC's regular payroll. The benefits provided will be in accordance with CCHMC policies except as otherwise set forth in this Agreement. Benefits offered specifically to Clinical Fellows replace similar benefits offered to other employees.

II. Following is a brief summary of certain benefit plans and programs available to Psychology Fellows. Enrollment in certain plans or programs is automatic while some plans or programs require an application to enroll. Eligible Psychology Fellows will receive more detailed information including deadlines for enrollment and coverage exclusions. It is the Psychology Fellow's responsibility to adhere to enrollment guidelines. CCHMC reserves the right to amend or terminate, in whole or in part, any benefit plan or program at any time. The Plan Documents will control in the event of an inconsistency with this Agreement. (In the absence of a Plan, applicable policy controls.)

1. Clinical Fellows must pay an initial deposit of \$15.00 for an ID badge that will be used to access the hospital and parking garage. (The \$15.00 deposit is refundable on return of the ID badge.) A \$15.00 (subject to change) parking fee per pay period will be deducted from the Clinical Fellow's paycheck for on-campus parking.

2. Health insurance will be offered to Clinical Fellows, effective on the first officially recognized day of their training program. Enrollment must be made in accordance with standard procedure.

3. Group Term Life Insurance in the amount of \$50,000, and an equal amount of accidental death and dismemberment coverage, will be provided effective the first day of active employment. CCHMC pays the premium for this coverage and the Clinical Fellow may designate his or her beneficiary. This insurance is convertible to an individual policy at the Clinical Fellow's expense upon leaving CCHMC.

4. Travel accident insurance covering life or dismemberment in an amount of \$750,000 will be provided for Clinical Fellows when they begin active employment. CCHMC pays the premium for this coverage. This coverage includes transportation while on hospital business or relocation travel, including transport flights, air care transportation (including chartered flights using an airplane or helicopter), and air/land ambulances or other vehicles. It does not cover travel to and from work or as a pedestrian.

5. Counseling: The Employee Assistance Program provides confidential assessment, short-term counseling, referral and follow-up service and is available to assist employees and members of their households to help successfully resolve personal concerns. Those concerns would include, but are not limited to, physical or mental illness, financial hardship, marital or family distress, and substance abuse or addiction. This program is available immediately upon date of hire.

6. Long Term Disability insurance covering disability incurred as a result of either sickness or accident will be provided effective the first day of active employment. CCHMC pays the premium for this coverage. The current plan benefit is 60% of base salary before any applicable offsets, up to a maximum benefit of \$2,000.00 per month, beginning after 90 consecutive days of disability.

7. Medical Leave of Absence with pay may be granted for a continuous short-term illness/disability or injury, including pregnancy, for a total of up to 12 weeks. Documentation suitable to CCHMC is required. (Advance notice of 30 days typically is required for these leaves.) This time will not count as vacation days. After a paid leave, the Clinical Fellow will be guaranteed a continuing position in the program at an equivalent PL level. Personal (non-medical) leaves of absence without pay may be available for a period of up to one year with the approval of the Program Director, who will determine the terms under which the Clinical Fellow may return to a continuing position in the program. The impact of any leave of absence upon the terms of completion of the training requirements necessary to satisfy criteria for Board Certification will be individually determined as governed by GME policy #11.

8. Vacation Leave: Clinical Fellows will receive 4 weeks of vacation. Each graduate medical education training program will have a policy in place that defines how these vacation days will be allocated. GME policy #16 governs the rules that pertain to vacation leave. Psychology Fellows allocate one week (5 days) of the allotted 4 weeks of vacation for

conferences and job interviews.

9. Sick Leave: GME policy #16 governs the provision of sick leave. Generally, up to 5 paid days are available.

10. Other benefit plans or programs currently available include medical and dependent care flexible spending accounts, a legal plan, adoption reimbursement, a college savings plan, 403(b) Employee Savings Plan, paid funeral leave, and education assistance.

11. A one-time moving allocation of \$1,750.00 will be provided to incoming Clinical Fellows who are moving to Cincinnati from outside the area. Moves within the Greater Cincinnati area will not be reimbursed.

III. Subject to the terms, conditions, and exclusions of the Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center Self-Insurance Trust Agreement ("Trust Agreement"), if a professional liability claim is brought against you arising out of your acts or omissions pursuant to the house staff program, CCHMC will provide you with a defense and indemnification for the claim under the Trust Agreement. Under those circumstances, and except as otherwise set forth in this paragraph, the Trust Agreement applies to claims filed against you at any time subsequent to your appointment to the house staff program, even if you are no longer appointed to the house staff program, if the acts or omissions giving rise to the claims took place while you were appointed to the house staff program. Otherwise, you cease to be covered under the Trust Agreement once your appointment to the house staff program terminates. You agree that as conditions of any defense or indemnification CCHMC provides under the Trust Agreement, you must promptly report to CCHMC all such claims filed against you, you must fully cooperate with CCHMC in the defense of any such claim, and you must not offer or agree to resolve or compromise any such claim, or make any voluntary payments, without written consent from CCHMC. CCHMC has the right to settle any such claim without your consent. Moreover, CCHMC may amend, modify, supplement, supersede, or cancel the Trust Agreement at its sole option.

IV. Medically related 'moonlighting' may be permitted, as long as it does not interfere with proper performance of duties as a CCHMC Clinical Fellow. Fellows must have written permission for off-duty work hours from their Program Director in accordance with GME policy #14. (Clinical Fellows on a J Visa are not authorized to work outside their training program.) Work that is not associated with the Clinical Fellow's training program or directly with CCHMC will require that the trainee obtain professional liability insurance from the outside employer.

#### V. Training Program

The content of the Psychology Fellow's educational program and the determination of the hours of duties will be in accordance with the requirements of the Association of Psychology Postdoctoral and Internship Centers, the certifying specialty board, GME Policy #18.0, and the program-specific policies for the services to which the Psychology Fellow is assigned. The curriculum, goals, and objectives of the training program and the clinical and administrative responsibilities of the Clinical Fellow will be provided by the Program Director or his/her designee. A copy of this information is available upon request by contacting the Program Director. Concerns related to work hours should be brought to the attention of the Program Director or the Designated Institutional Official for GME (DIO). The training program will not be pyramided during the Clinical Fellow's years of fellowship training.

#### VI. Evaluation, Advancement/Re-appointment, Discipline & Dismissal of Clinical Fellows

1. Each Division's Fellowship Program Director or designee is responsible for communicating expectations and performance objectives to each Psychology Fellow early in the training process. Psychology Fellows will receive at least semi-annual evaluations from the Program Director. These evaluations will be documented in writing, shared with the Psychology Fellow and placed in the Psychology Fellow's file. Each program is responsible for following the rules and regulations of their respective Fellowship Review Committee and/or certifying Board regarding the evaluation of Clinical Fellows.

2. A Clinical Fellow's failure to meet appropriate performance standards will be addressed as follows:

a. If the Psychology Fellow is not meeting performance objectives, he/she may be counseled, and this will be documented in writing. Counseling is not a mandatory prerequisite to remediation or discipline

b. In the event that a Psychology Fellow's performance warrants corrective action, the guidelines and procedures set forth in Graduate Medical Education Policy #5 (Educational Remediation and Disciplinary Actions for Graduate Medical Education Trainees) will be followed. Specific goals for improvement and satisfactory performance will be outlined in writing. Corrective and disciplinary actions become a part of the Psychology Fellow's permanent training record.

c. A recommendation for dismissal may emanate from the division/department educational committee, but the Department/Division Director must give final approval. Dismissal will follow the procedure outlined in Graduate Medical Education Policy #5.

#### VII. Conflict Resolution/Grievance Procedure Regarding Clinical or Academic Disputes

CCHMC seeks to promptly resolve disputes and concerns regarding clinical or academic issues. If a Clinical Fellow cannot promptly resolve a concern regarding a clinical or academic dispute after discussion with his/her Division Director and Program Director, then the Clinical Fellow may utilize Graduate Medical Education Policy #4 (Due Process / Grievance Procedure Regarding Clinical or Academic Disputes). CCHMC may revise the Due Process / Grievance Procedure at any time at its sole option.

VIII. If a conflict is deemed by CCHMC to concern other than a clinical or academic dispute, the conflict may be handled through Human Resources.

IX. The Psychology Fellow affirms that his/her residency training will be successfully completed on or before the commencement of the fellowship training program. CCHMC will verify completion of training.

X. Except for non-clinical or non-academic events discovered in the last 4 months, CCHMC will notify Clinical Fellows of reappointment, non-promotion, and non-reappointment for the coming year not later than 4 months prior to the start of the next academic year. Clinical Fellows notified that they will not be promoted, or their contract will not be renewed may implement the grievance procedure (GME Policy #4). Clinical Fellows who are planning to leave the program or continue their training elsewhere are expected to notify CCHMC at least 3 months ahead of their departure.

XI. The Clinical Fellow agrees to become familiar and comply with the policies, rules, and regulations of CCHMC, and the CCHMC graduate medical education committee, including those regarding sexual and other forms of harassment and reasonable accommodation of disabilities.

XII. Impaired Clinical Fellows will be managed in accordance with CCHMC Human Resources policies and GME policy #15.

XIII. The Clinical Fellow will consistently strive to add to the quality of medical care provided within CCHMC, including timely and proper completion of medical records.

XIV. The Clinical Psychology Fellow has read, understands, and agrees to comply with the terms of this Agreement.

Signed:

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*Name of Psychology Fellow*

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