

Postdoctoral Fellowship in Behavioral Medicine / Clinical Health Psychology
MUSC Behavioral Medicine Clinic
Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, College of Medicine
Medical University of South Carolina
2027 - 2028

The Behavioral Medicine Clinic is a tertiary specialty clinic at MUSC. Psychologists, social workers, psychiatrists, other prescribing providers, along with trainees from psychology, psychiatry, and pharmacy work together to coordinate mental and behavioral health care for patients receiving medical care from MUSC's healthcare teams. Our team's **vision** is as follows: *Through research, education, and direct patient care, we help people with chronic and/or complex medical conditions, and their providers, by addressing the multifaceted psychosocial aspects of illness to alleviate suffering, promote health, improve quality of life, optimize medical care, and ultimately improve patient outcomes.* We primarily serve adult populations, however, our focus has expanded to include more pediatric, adolescent, and young adult (AYA) patients as the number of providers whose passion and expertise working with AYA populations has also grown. For more information about our academic and patient care programs:

- <https://medicine.musc.edu/departments/psychiatry/divisions-and-programs/divisions/biobehavioral-medicine/education-and-training>
- <https://muschealth.org/medical-services/psychiatry/services/behavioral>

Fellowship Program:

As a fellow you will work with patients who have a range of chronic health conditions alongside health care providers from diverse medical specialties. Our campus is a busy and exciting place to work with six colleges and trainees from nearly all medical disciplines, and award-winning specialty medical/hospital services. We value interprofessional work and training and encourage close collaboration with our medical team colleagues. We value the fellows who have chosen to train with us, and we work with our fellows as junior colleagues. Fellows who excel in our program are highly motivated, creative, and passionate about their clinical work. With scaffolding as appropriate throughout the fellowship, we support the continued growth of skilled generalist health psychologists who are ready for independent licensure and practice at the completion of the fellowship. The fellowship is 1-year with the option for a 2nd year pending agreement between the fellow and the fellowship directors. The decision to stay on for a 2nd year will be determined no later than January; there are circumstances in which a faculty position may be offered after the 1st year of fellowship.

The fellow will provide outpatient psychotherapy, assessment, and consultation services to patients with a wide variety of chronic medical conditions, with opportunities for inpatient consultation and evaluation and integrated care within certain clinics. The fellowship year is divided into two, six-month blocks with different experiences based on clinic needs and fellow interests, with the opportunity to adjust/add additional experiences at the six-month point. The fellow may receive training and supervised clinical experience with the following populations:

1. **Transplant Surgery:** Heart, liver, kidney, lung, & living donor (kidney and liver), including opportunities for group therapy and inpatient transplant evaluations
2. **Cancer and Blood and Marrow Transplant (BMT):** New diagnosis, active treatment, survivorship, caregivers, BMT evaluations, inpatient oncology opportunities
3. **Pulmonary Diseases:** CF, Bronchiectasis, COPD, NTM, sarcoidosis, etc.; including specialty clinics
4. **Gastroenterological diseases and conditions:** Crohn's disease, Ulcerative colitis, Irritable bowel syndrome, and other GI conditions
5. **Chronic Pain and Epidural Neurostimulator Evaluations:** Chronic idiopathic pain, nociceptive pain, neuropathic pain, CRPS/RSD, Chronic pancreatitis, fibromyalgia, etc.
6. **Pediatric and AYA Psychology:** Solid organ transplant, congenital heart conditions, cystic fibrosis, sickle cell, orthopedics, and other assorted consultations
7. **Other Chronic Medical Conditions and Functional Disorders:** cardiac disease (MI/CAD, CABG, arrhythmias, adolescent and adult congenital, devices), sickle cell disease, other specialty and internal medicine services

Behavioral Medicine clinical services are provided via telemedicine and in-person. Faculty and postdoctoral fellows currently follow a hybrid model of part-time in our campus office and part-time working from home

(WFH), with some required on-campus time. Clinical operations (in-person versus hybrid in-person/WFH) will continue to be dependent on institutional requirements and insurance coverage for telemedicine services.

Specializations:

For the 2027-2028 training year, we are recruiting for **up to THREE fellowship positions, specializing in behavioral medicine. Specific populations of focus** may be offered given applicants' interests, training goals, and anticipated career trajectory. All fellows will work within general behavioral medicine populations, as well as within specialty areas (e.g., oncology, solid organ transplant).

Didactics, Supervision, and Mentoring:

Fellows will attend Grand Rounds offered through the Department of Psychiatry at MUSC and a Behavioral Medicine Seminar Series. Each fellow will have at minimum 1-2 hours of one-on-one, face-to-face/telemedicine supervision with a licensed attending psychologist each week. There will also be scheduled mentoring meetings with designated faculty throughout the training year on key topics pertinent to professional development (e.g., working in academic medical centers, salary negotiation). Both informal and formal feedback loops about the program and supervision will also be integrated into the training.

Research and Teaching Opportunities:

Each of our faculty is involved in different types of research projects. Fellows may express interest in conducting research and work with fellowship directors and relevant faculty on research able during non-clinical time. Teaching opportunities are also available for those with specific training goals in this domain. These opportunities may be discussed further in interviews.

Evaluation Process:

Documentation of clinical competency is necessary for the successful completion of the fellowship. Feedback will be provided throughout the training year. Each fellow is required to demonstrate an advanced and sophisticated understanding of diagnosis, assessment, and psychotherapy with clinical health populations. They must demonstrate the ability to critically and sensitively use information derived from the empirical literature to guide the development of the treatment plan and selection of clinical interventions with consideration for cultural factors and social determinants of health, as evident by patient care and documentation. Each fellow's progress is regularly assessed, within formal evaluations on learning goals and objectives. Sponsorship of the fellow's licensure application is dependent upon successful completion of required hours, ongoing ethical conduct, and following institutional policies and practices. Fellows must successfully complete the first year of fellowship in good standing to continue in a second year or faculty position.

Salary and Benefits:

The salary for the 2027-2028 postdoctoral fellowship year will be \$63,480 (or what is consistent with NIH stipend). Fellows are eligible for health, dental, vision, life insurance, short- and long-term disability, and retirement benefits. Benefits include 15 days (120 hours) of annual leave and 15 days (120 hours) of sick leave (3 weeks each). In addition, fellows will receive the 13 University holidays (which includes 1 floating holiday). Professional leave is discussed on a case-by-case basis with the faculty/supervisors. Fellows should plan to start fellowship on the first day of a month, or day prior, due to benefits/health insurance schedule. In addition, we offer professional development funds (reimbursable) in support of SC Psychology Board application fees and/or EPPP fees for fellows for the training year. Other benefits are available including an excellent library system, computer services, discounts on MUSC perks, and reduced cost membership to the state-of-the-art MUSC Wellness Center.

Commitment to a Community of Belonging:

Our group, within the larger College of Medicine and Charleston community, is committed to fostering an environment built on cultural understanding, humility, and mutual respect. We are working to increase representation and build a team that reflects the varied backgrounds and experiences of the patients we serve. We strongly encourage applications from individuals of all identities and life experiences, especially those historically underrepresented in psychology based on gender, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity, or other factors. Applicants who are bilingual Spanish-speaking are encouraged to apply.

Admission Requirements:

Admission requirements for the fellowship include completion of all professional doctoral degree requirements from a regionally accredited institution of higher education or an American Psychological Association (APA)-accredited program and an APA-accredited predoctoral internship. This requirement is defined as: *"having on the first day of the fellowship either the diploma in hand, conferred degree on official transcript, or a letter from the director of graduate studies verifying the completion of all degree requirements, including completion of dissertation defense, pending institution graduation ceremony."*

Application Procedure and Information:

The deadline for applications for the 2027-2028 training year is **Friday December 4, 2026**, and applications will be accepted on a rolling basis prior to this date. Applications will be submitted directly via email to Dr. Stacey Maurer (maurers@musc.edu) and Dr. Lily Christon (christon@musc.edu).

Please submit a (1) letter of interest, (2) current curriculum vitae, and (3) the name and contact email of two references we may reach out to; one of your current internship supervisors and one reference from your graduate program. **Reference letters are NOT required.**

Please address your letter of interest to the fellowship director: Stacey Maurer, PhD. In your letter of interest, discuss: your career goals and whether you are interested in pursuing any specific areas of focus or minor rotations.

Interviews: All interviews will be conducted virtually, except by specific request.

Notification Date: We are accepting applications and will make offers on a rolling basis after the application deadline.



The motto of MUSC is *Auget Largiendo*, which freely translated means,
"She (the university) enriches by giving generously."
(Waring Historical Library)