

## NEW RESEARCH POST-DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITY!

JFK Partners/University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus

**Position: 2023-2024 Research Postdoctoral Fellowship in Autism and Co-Occurring Mental Health Symptoms; Aurora, Colorado**

JFK Partners—Colorado's University Center of Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD) is recruiting for a full-time postdoctoral fellow to support clinical research activities of a study recently approved for a funding award by the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI). This study, *A Comparison of Two School-Based Interventions to Manage Anxiety in Autistic Students* (PI: Judy Reaven, Ph.D), is a comparative effectiveness trial that will examine two school-based curriculums for managing anxiety in autistic students: School-Based Facing Your Fears and Zones of Regulation. Elementary and middle schools in Colorado and North Carolina will be involved in the study, with a focus on working with students from historically underserved communities. The purpose of the study is to test the effectiveness of these two approaches for managing anxiety in autistic students, learn about the strengths and weaknesses of each approach, and provide this information to school administrators, school providers, and caregivers so they can make informed decisions about program selection for their students. The fellowship is for a one-year position, with the option of a second-year re-appointment.

**Fellowship Description:** The fellowship is best suited for applicants who are interested in gaining experience in clinical research, forming community partnerships, and implementing evidence-based interventions for anxiety and autism in public schools. Fellows will work directly with clinical researchers with extensive experience at conducting clinical trials and hybrid effectiveness implementation studies. The fellow will also have the opportunity to lead and contribute to peer-reviewed presentations and publications.

Duties include:

- Refinement of study protocols across sites
- Oversight of Colorado school-based enrollment and conduct qualification visits
- Conduct independent evaluations of effectiveness outcomes
- Co-facilitate school-based trainings and collect fidelity data
- Support data management

Optional Activities include:

- Opportunities to take course through the Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental Disabilities (LEND) program and/or Colorado Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute (CCTSI) on the University of Colorado Anschutz Campus
- Opportunities are available to obtain clinical hours for licensure

Fellows are provided office space, computer, and computer support (technical support, network access, internet access, software). Fellows have access to a wide variety of quality training experiences available on the CU Anschutz Medical campus in addition to their core training.

This postdoctoral fellowship is a one-year paid position, beginning July 1, 2023. The stipend for the 2023-24 training year is expected to follow the 2023 [NRSA stipend schedule](#) and health benefits. Funds are available for fellows to attend a conference or other professional development activity. Previous clinical training and experience working with school-aged youth with ASD is required. Applicants must have completed or be close to completing a doctorate from an APA-accredited (PhD or PsyD) Clinical, Counseling, School or Professional Psychology program and a one-year APA-accredited internship. Applicants must be able to show proof of doctoral degree within 2 months of starting the fellowship.

**Application Process:** Please include the following documents:

1. Cover Letter Statement of Interest - Please include the answers to the following questions in your Statement of Interest:

- Describe why a research fellowship at JFK Partners interests you.
- Describe past experiences related to working with children with Autism Spectrum Disorder or other neurodevelopmental disabilities.
- How does advanced training in school-based clinical research fit with your future professional plans?
- What is the current status of your dissertation/doctoral research project?

2. Graduate School transcript

3. Three (3) letters of recommendation from faculty or supervisors familiar with your interests and work relevant to this fellowship

4. Resume/Curriculum Vitae

JFK Partners is committed to the recruitment of culturally and ethnically diverse individuals. Bilingual Spanish-speaking applicants, and all other qualified applicants, are encouraged to apply.

The deadline for receipt of materials is **January 17, 2023**. Please send all materials to [Christine.Cook@cuanschutz.edu](mailto:Christine.Cook@cuanschutz.edu) and reference "Research Post-Doctoral Fellowship" in your email subject line.

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