

Knight Alzheimer's Disease Research Center Externship Overview and Application

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Note: The externship experiences described here are limited to observational only in regards to contact with patients or research participants. That is, externs will not have any patient care responsibility.

Learning Objectives for Knight Alzheimer's Disease Research Center (ADRC) Externs:

During the Knight ADRC Externship, Students, Fellows, and Scholars are exposed to clinical and research methods for the evaluation of older adults with cognitive-functional complaints consistent with Alzheimer's disease and other neurodegenerative disorders. Evaluations are observed live and in-person, as well as via videotape, and cover a range of diagnoses and care issues. Students, Fellows, and Scholars observe clinicians from different specialty backgrounds (Neurology, Geriatrics, Psychiatry) and, if desired, learn how to administer and score the Clinical Dementia Rating (CDR) interview.

Students, Fellows, and Scholars participate in other educational offerings of the Center, including research seminars and a weekly clinical case conference. Enrichment opportunities include evaluating older adults in the long term care setting, exposure to clinical trial methodology, and opportunities to use the resources of the Center in the future to conduct in-depth research on a specific dementia-related topic. Depending on length of stay and skills, students, fellows, and scholars will participate in a mentored research project during their Knight ADRC learning experience.

At the End of the Rotation, Externs Should:

- Understand basic interviewing techniques to elicit pertinent information from patient and family members in support of a diagnosis.
- Be exposed to symptom patterns that differentiate Alzheimer's disease (AD) from related neurodegenerative disorders (i.e., Dementia with Lewy Bodies, Frontotemporal Dementia, Vascular Dementia) and observe clinicians making a differential diagnosis in uncomplicated cases.
- Understand the range of treatments currently available for AD and how they are prescribed.
- Be familiar with broader issues of family and community care for persons with dementia, particularly services available through the Alzheimer's Association.
- Be able to differentiate the key presentations associated with age-related cognitive changes from dementing illnesses.
- If applicable: become certified in administering the Clinical Dementia Rating (CDR).

Externs are Expected to:

- Complete necessary training for compliance with HIPAA regulations by the start of the externship. CITI human subjects training may also be required.
- Complete other mandatory tasks as required by Washington University School of Medicine. This may include TB screening, vaccinations, drug testing, and/or background checks. It is understood that any fees for these requirements are the responsibility of the extern and cannot be subsidized by the Knight ADRC.
- Complete all necessary immunizations, government documents, and Visa paperwork, if applicable.
- Dress in professional attire (office casual is acceptable).

Interested Applicants Must Submit the Following to Jennifer Phillips at the contact listed above:

- Knight Alzheimer's Disease Research Center Externship Application.
- Current Curriculum Vitae (CV) or resume.
- Statement of interest outlining career goals and how the Knight ADRC Externship will advance these goals.
- Names and contact information for 2 references.
- Notice of participation in or funding from any sponsoring programs/activities.
- For high school, undergraduate, or non-medical graduate students: a statement from mentor or curricula advisor describing why an externship at the Knight ADRC would be of value to the student.
- International applications require official TOEFL iBT scores with a minimum score of 80 and administered within two years of the J-1 program start date. Official TOEFL iBT scores must be sent by ETS to

Washington University. Results do not need to be complete at time of application, but must be completed during the review process. Applicants from English-speaking countries or with superior English-speaking proficiency may request to substitute an interview using the the J-1 English Proficiency Checklist.

Deadlines and Duration:

- Applications for Knight ADRC Externship positions are accepted and evaluated on a rolling basis. Selections are based on Knight ADRC capacity to provide mentors, appropriate learning experiences, required technology, extern workspace, and applicant merit. Interested individuals are invited to apply at any time.
- Duration of the Knight ADRC Externship will vary and will be discussed at time of application.

Knight Alzheimer’s Disease Research Center Externship Application

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General Information:

Anticipated Start Date: _____ Anticipated End Date: _____

Major / Specialty: _____ DOB: _____

Full Legal Name: _____ Nickname: _____

Street Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Country: _____ Citizenship: _____ VISA Type (J1, H1, F1): _____

Email: _____ Phone (Home): _____ Phone (Cell): _____

Education and Background (please attach current CV or resume)

Most Recent Institution Attended: _____ Degree / Year: _____

Medical / Graduate School: _____ Degree / Year: _____
(if applicable) *(if applicable)*

If you are foreign trained and/or graduated from a Non-US medical school, please provide your ECFMG information, **and** include a copy of your ECFMG certificate:

Location	Date	Certificate #
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References

Name, contact, and affiliation:

1. _____

2. _____

Emergency Contact Information

Name, contact, and relationship to applicant

1. _____
2. _____

Signature and Date

By signing below I understand that: I am not employed by Washington University nor do I have an appointment with the Medical School. As such, I am not covered by the University's liability or other insurance plans. Should I become injured or injure others while at Washington University, I understand I am responsible for any and all claims arising from such injury and will hold Washington University harmless for such claims. I would have to apply and be considered for employment in the normal manner as any other applicant under Washington University's hiring policies. I may be asked to attend training and must abide by Washington University's policies in such areas as (but not limited to) safety, confidentiality, patient privacy and general conduct while at Washington University. I am further bound by restrictions placed on me by the department as to where I may go and what I may be engaged in while at Washington University. I understand that I must meet expectations set for me by the department in order to continue this opportunity. I understand that if I am under 18 years of age at the time this opportunity exists that I must have my parent's signature on this document. I understand that this opportunity at Washington University may end at any time, either by me or the University, without reason being given.

Applicant signature: _____ Date : _____
(or parent/guardian if applicant is a minor)