

ALICIA KOPLOWITZ FOUNDATION

CALL FOR ADVANCED AND PREDOCTORAL TRAINING FELLOWSHIPS IN CHILD AND ADOLESCENT PSYCHIATRY AND PSYCHOLOGY, AND ADVANCED TRAINING FELLOWSHIPS IN NEUROPAEDIATRICS

TERMS AND CONDITIONS - 2021-2023 CALL

The Alicia Koplowitz Foundation (the Foundation) is promoting **5 (FIVE) two-year fellowships** in any of the following modes:

1. Advanced training fellowships in child and adolescent psychiatry and psychology in the child and adolescent psychiatry departments of centres in the United States, United Kingdom and Sweden.
2. Predoctoral fellowships in child and adolescent mental health in academic centres in the Netherlands and Sweden.
3. Advanced training fellowships in neuropaediatrics.

Successful candidates may join the Association of Child and Adolescent Mental Health Scientists-Alicia Koplowitz Foundation (<http://www.asociaciondecientificos-fundak.org>) as full members upon request to the organisation's board of directors.

1. ADVANCED TRAINING FELLOWSHIPS IN CHILD AND ADOLESCENT PSYCHIATRY AND PSYCHOLOGY

1.1. The Alicia Koplowitz Foundation is promoting **two-year Advanced Training Fellowships in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry/Psychology** in one of the international centres with which partnership agreements have been established and which offer a specifically designed training programme:

- *University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, Western Psychiatric Institute & Clinic (USA).*
Tutor: Dr Boris Birmaher.
- *Bellevue Hospital Center, New York University (USA).*
Tutor: Dr Francisco Xavier Castellanos.
- *Imperial College London, Centre for Psychiatry, London (UK).*
Tutor: Dr Dasha Nicholls.
- *Institute of Psychiatry, Psychology & Neuroscience (IoPPN) at the Maudsley, King's College London (UK).*
Tutor: Dr Stephen Scott.
- *Karolinska Institutet, Department of Clinical Neuroscience. Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Research Center. Stockholm (Sweden).*
Tutor: Prof David Mataix-Cols.

Successful fellows will join the training programmes of the receiving centre's equivalent of the department of child and youth psychiatry. Their **main** tasks will be related to the **clinical research** undertaken within the department. They will also actively engage in the session **syllabus**, seminars, workshops, etc. They will work the **clinical shifts** established by the training programme in the most similar manner as possible to those of their local colleagues, **legal standards and regulations of the destination country and/or state permitting**.

Psychiatrists who have passed the United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE) (<http://www.usmle.org>) will be entitled to perform clinical care activities in US centres.

They will always be supported by Spanish tutors appointed by the Foundation, who in turn have been grant recipients in the same receiving centre.

1.2. Candidate Requirements

- Spanish nationality.
- Qualification as a psychiatrist (MIR) or clinical psychologist (PIR) after 2016 or proof of having applied for this qualification and of having completed the speciality before starting the placement in the United States, United Kingdom or Sweden.
- Written and verbal command of English, preferably in a clinical setting, **duly accredited** by an IELTS>7.5, TOEFL>100 or Cambridge Advanced certificate (exam completed in the last two years).
- Attainment of the relevant work and residence visas for a two-year placement in the UK (<https://www.gov.uk/health-care-worker-visa>; <https://www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families>) or USA.
- Acceptance of and compliance with these terms and conditions.
- Working for the public administration will be a plus (accreditation required).

1.3. Selection of Aid Recipients

The Foundation will implement a preselection process in accordance with the suitability of the applications based on these terms and conditions, ruling out ones that fail to meet them.

A selection committee will assess the scientific quality of the applications and interview shortlisted applicants to assess their suitability in accordance with their personal and academic conditions, the future use they would like to make of their training and their **command of the English language**.

The selection committee will decide on the **final assignment of receiving centre** in each case.

The committee's decision is binding, confidential and final. It will be published on the Alicia Koplowitz Foundation website.

Fellowships may be declared null and void at the proposal of the selection committee.

2. PREDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS IN CHILD AND ADOLESCENT MENTAL HEALTH

2.1. The Alicia Koplowitz Foundation is promoting **two-year Predoctoral Fellowships in Child and Adolescent Mental Health** for Spanish psychiatrists and psychologists who have completed or finished their bachelor degree and wish to undertake a research project with a view to doing a doctoral thesis in one of the following academic centres of international research:

- *Karolinska Institutet, Department of Clinical Neuroscience. Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Research Center, Stockholm (Sweden)*
Director: Prof David Mataix-Cols.
- *Utrecht University Division of Neuroscience, Utrecht (Netherlands)*
Director: Prof Jim van Os.

The research projects proposed by the receiving centres for the 2021-2023 call are set out in Annex II.

The final objective will be three publications in indexed international journals as an outcome of the original research studies that will lead to the defence of a doctoral thesis at a Spanish university as part of the International Doctorate.

In addition to conducting the research project on existing databases, the receiving centre will provide the fellow with an academic training programme in relation to the research topic, including courses on statistics, training courses in the area, attendance at research conferences, etc.

The fellow will be supported by a Spanish tutor designated by the Foundation.

2.2. Candidate Requirements

- Spanish nationality.
- Qualification as a psychiatrist (MIR) or clinical psychologist (PIR) after 2016 or proof of having applied for this qualification due to having finished the speciality before starting the predoctoral fellowship.
- Written and verbal command of English, preferably in a clinical setting, **duly accredited** by an IELTS>7.5, TOEFL>100 or Cambridge Advanced certificate (exam completed in the last two years).
- Submittal of an application for a specific research project (complete the application form).

- Accreditation of previous research experience.
- Theoretical and practical knowledge of statistics.
- Accreditation of an agreement with a Spanish university to enrol in a predoctoral programme internationally and of **having an assigned tutor at their Spanish university**.
- Working for the public administration will be a plus (accreditation required).
- Acceptance of and compliance with these terms and conditions.

2.3. Selection of Aid Recipients

The Foundation will implement a preselection process in accordance with the suitability of the applications based on these terms and conditions, ruling out ones that fail to meet them.

Shortlisted candidates will be invited to a preliminary personal interview led by a panel organised by the Alicia Koplowitz Foundation.

Candidates selected for each specific project in the preliminary interview will be invited to a second interview by video conference with the receiving centres. The purpose of this second interview is to facilitate the final selection by the centres, considering the applicant's previous research experience, knowledge in the specialisation area, overlap with the doctoral centre supervisor and reason for applying.

The following will be assessed at both interviews: (a) the candidates' capacity for analytical thought regarding research questions, (b) their previous research experience, (c) their knowledge of the specific area and (d) their motivation, determination and resilience.

The selection committee will decide on the **final assignment of receiving centre** in each case.

The committee's decision is binding, confidential and final. It will be published on the Alicia Koplowitz Foundation website.

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3. ADVANCED TRAINING FELLOWSHIPS IN NEUROPAEDIATRICS

3.1. The Alicia Koplowitz is promoting **two-year fellowships specialising in Neuropaediatrics** in the United Kingdom or other foreign centres with teaching accreditation in this area.

Neuropaediatrics is not officially recognised as an independent speciality in Spain nor as a subspeciality of paediatrics or neurology. The Spanish Society for Paediatric Neurology (SENEP)

is the body that accredits neuropaediatric centres and specialists. To be a full SENEP member, candidates must demonstrate a specialisation in MIR (4 years in Paediatrics or Neurology) and two years' training in Neuropaediatrics at a hospital accredited to provide this training and be the lead author on papers presented at two or more SENEP meetings or congresses.

The centre may be the Bristol Royal Hospital for Children (see Annex III) or another centre of the candidate's free choice. The centre must submit a personalised two-year programme in writing which includes shifts that comply with the specific objectives of the training programme in the specific skills area of paediatric neurology in Spain.

The fellow will be supported by a Spanish tutor designated by the Foundation.

3.2. Candidate Requirements

- Spanish nationality.
- Qualification as a paediatrician or neurologist (MIR) after 2016 or proof of having completed the speciality or having finished the third year of residency in either of the abovementioned specialities prior to starting the fellowship.
- Written and verbal command of English, preferably in a clinical setting, **duly accredited** by an IELTS>7.5, TOEFL>100 or Cambridge Advanced certificate (exam completed in the last two years).
- Letter of acceptance from the receiving centre.
- A training programme drafted by the centre, which must be accredited to provide training in neuropaediatrics.
- Attainment of the relevant work and residence visas for a two-year placement in the UK (<https://www.gov.uk/health-care-worker-visa>; <https://www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families>) or USA if **sent** (<https://www.gov.uk/health-care-worker-visa>; <https://www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families>) **there**.
- Acceptance of and compliance with these terms and conditions.
- Working for the public administration will be a plus (accreditation required).

3.3. Selection of Aid Recipients

The Foundation will implement a preselection process in accordance with the suitability of the applications based on these terms and conditions, ruling out ones that fail to meet them.

A selection committee will assess the quality of the training programme prepared by the centre and the scientific quality of the applicants and will interview shortlisted applicants to assess their

suitability in accordance with their personal and academic conditions, their interest, seriousness, the future use they would like to make of their training and their **command of the English language**.

The committee's decision is binding, confidential and final. It will be published on the Alicia Koplowitz Foundation website.

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4. FINANCIAL PROVISION FOR ALL FELLOWSHIPS

- **The financial provision for fellows amounts to \$US50,000 per year for placements in the United States, £36,000 per year in the United Kingdom and €45,000 per year in any other European country.** The withholdings established under Spanish tax regulations or the equivalent abroad will be deducted from the total amount. Fellows must meet their accommodation and upkeep for the duration of the fellowship out of this financial endowment.
- Travel expenses: the Foundation will provide fellows with a return plane ticket, economy class. The ticket will be issued in the first year of the fellowship.
- The Foundation will provide fellows with a single allocation of \$US2,000, £1,500 or €1,250, respectively, to cover the costs of installation, purchase of books and association membership, as well as visa management if the US or UK is the destination country. This payment will be made by bank transfer at the start of the fellowship.
- Health insurance.
- A one-off annual payment of up to €1,500 (or equivalent in other currencies) for registration and travel expenses to attend congresses, such as the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (AACAP), the Royal College of Psychiatry annual congress or the annual congress of the Spanish Association of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (AEPNYA) in Spain, amongst others, and to attend courses and seminars. **Attendance at congresses, courses and seminars must be authorised by the Alicia Koplowitz Foundation's Science Coordinator after sending a written request.**
- The receiving centre will get a maximum of €40,000 per year to cover the costs of training courses, attendance at congresses and travel, clinical and research supervision, statistical support, research project costs and other expenses.

5. Incorporation of Fellows

The dates of incorporation of the fellows in their receiving centres will be 1 August 2021 for the United States, Sweden and the Netherlands, and 1 July 2021 for the United Kingdom.

From the time they are informed of having won a fellowship and given the length of some procedures, fellows are obliged to start the procedures necessary to obtain a work and residence visa for the United Kingdom (<https://www.gov.uk/health-care-worker-visa>; <https://www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families>) or United States, as well as all the documentation required by their receiving centre so they can start work on the indicated dates.

6. Facilitation of Professional Placement at Fellowship End (Return Agreements)

Once the placement abroad and return to Spain has ended, to facilitate professional uptake, the Alicia Koplowitz Foundation provides fellows with the possibility of joining **child and adolescent psychiatry/psychology or neuropaediatrics** departments or research centres or in other centres with which the Foundation will sign an agreement for this purpose, for a **maximum period of twelve months**. Fellows will forfeit this right if they cease to perform services at the assigned Spanish department or centre, if their contract terms are modified or if they are recruited by another centre.

The Foundation allows fellows to delay their reincorporation in a Spanish centre for a maximum of one additional year after finishing their two-year placement at the assigned receiving centre if requested in writing with reasons justifying the extension and if said reasons are accepted by the Foundation. This extra year **will not be paid for by the Foundation**. After this the fellow may return to Spain and seek the 12 months' work at the departments or centres referred to above. If they return to Spain more than one year after the fellowship ends, they forfeit the right to request a return agreement.

7. Recognition in Publications

Fellows must **expressly mention the Alicia Koplowitz Foundation as their financial backer** in any articles they publish, papers they present at congresses and other scientific or teaching results, and must send the Foundation a copy of the work or paper.

8. Monitoring of Fellows

Fellows must present a midterm report at the end of the first year and a final report within three months after completing their placement. These reports will specify the activities performed, duly justifying all publications, papers presented at congresses, courses undertaken, engagement in research projects, work performed therein, etc., for the whole of the time they held the fellowship. The forms are available on the Foundation's website and only reports submitted using these forms will be admitted. The reports will be assessed by the Spanish tutors assigned to each fellow and/or by the Foundation's Science Coordinator.

9. Absence of Contractual Relationship

The awarding and take-up of a fellowship does not constitute any contractual, employment or statutory relationship with the Alicia Koplowitz Foundation or any of the organisations where the training is conducted.

10. Application Form

To apply for a fellowship, applicants must submit the duly completed application form for this call, available over the Foundation's website (www.fundacionaliciakoplowitz.org). The form must include:

- The applicant's personal, professional and academic information.
- References (Advanced Training Fellowships). Two reference letters must be sent **directly to the Foundation in a closed envelope on officially stamped paper with an original signature and seal.**
- Objectives of the placement. Letter explaining the reasons for requesting the fellowship, maximum 2-3 pages, depending on the type of fellowship the applicant is applying for.
- Brief summary of classroom and research activities performed to date in the area of child and adolescent psychiatry/psychology or neuropaediatrics.
- Congress presentations, last 3 years only.
- Management of/engagement in research projects, last 5 years only.
- Indexed publications with a JCR impact factor, last 5 years only.

The application form must be accompanied by the following **supporting documentation as an essential requirement:**

- Photocopy of the applicant's National ID document.
- Photocopy of the qualification of specialist in psychiatry, clinical psychology, paediatrics or neurology, or certificate of having completed the residency period before inclusion.
- Complete academic certification (certified copy).
- Photocopy of the IELTS, TOEFL or Cambridge exams (last 2 years only).
- Certificates accrediting shifts worked in child and adolescent psychiatry or in neuropaediatrics, **signed by the tutors concerned.**

- Letter of acceptance from the receiving centre for training fellowships in neuropaediatrics.
- Training programme in neuropaediatrics issued by the receiving centre.
- Application for a research project in the case of predoctoral fellowships (completed in the form).
- Other certificates (masters', diplomas, etc.).
- Documents accrediting academic achievements.
- Documents accrediting research achievements.
- Where applicable, accreditation of working for the public administration.

11. Deadline and Method to Submit Applications

Applications are to be submitted according the form that can be downloaded from the website (www.fundacionaliciakoplowitz.org) and sent **before 01 March 2021, inclusive**, in the following two formats:

1.- One **bound** copy of the application form on paper including **all the documentation sought**, addressed to:

Alicia Koplowitz Foundation
Att: Ms Mónica García
Paseo de Eduardo Dato nº 18
28010 Madrid

2.- A **SINGLE PDF document** with the complete application form and accreditation document **identifying the applicant by their full name must also** be sent to the following **email address**: mgarcia@fundacionaliciakoplowitz.org

Applications that fail to comply with the above rules will be excluded from the preselection process and said decision will be binding.

12. Acceptance of Fellowships

Applicants agree to expressly accept the terms and conditions of the fellowship and the interpretation of the selection committee and expressly renounce any type of court or out-of-court action against the decision of the Foundation or the selection committee. They hereby accept the terms and conditions of the abovementioned 2021-2023 call and those established by the Alicia Koplowitz Foundation for monitoring fellows. In the event of breach, the fellowship will be automatically rendered null and void and the applicant will forfeit entitlement thereto.

13. Data Protection

The personal data collected in the application will form part of a file held by the Alicia Koplowitz Foundation and be subject to the protection established by Organic Law 3/2018 of 5 December 2018 on Personal Data Protection and Digital Rights Guarantee and by Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Directive 95/46/EC (General Data Protection Regulation). Submission of an application involves data processing and transfers for the purposes of evaluation, monitoring and control by the evaluating body.