

ALICIA KOPLOWITZ FOUNDATION

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

TERMS AND CONDITIONS - 2024-2026 CALL

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 (Annex I):

- *University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, Western Psychiatric Institute & Clinic (USA).*
Tutor: Dr Boris Birmaher.
- *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.
- *Southampton University (UK):Centre for Innovation in Mental Health (CIMH), School of Psychology, Southampton (UK).*
Tutor: Dr. Samuele Cortese.
- *Paris-East Créteil University. Fondation FondaMental. Paris (France).*
Tutor: Dr. Marion Leboyer.

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, except in the new centers with which a collaboration agreement has recently been signed.

1. Candidate Requirements

- Spanish nationality.
- Qualification as a psychiatrist (MIR) or clinical psychologist (PIR) after 2019 or proof of having applied for this qualification and of having completed the speciality before starting the placement in the United States, United Kingdom, France or Sweden.
- Written and verbal command of English, preferably in a clinical setting, **duly accredited** by an IELTS>7.5, TOEFL>100, Cambridge Advanced certificate or DALF C1 for French language (exam completed within 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, **if destined to these countries**.
- Acceptance of and compliance with these terms and conditions.
- Working for the public administration will be a plus (accreditation required).

2. 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.

Subsequently, 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 or French 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 in October 2024.

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

3. 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, £1,250 or €1,500, 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 €2,000 (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.
- The financial aid inherent to the Grants shall be automatically cancelled and the Foundation shall have the right to claim the amounts received up to that date by the Fellow, at the moment in which for any cause or other reason, the Fellow does not attend the Advanced Training or Research Programs at the Center assigned by the Foundation to enjoy the Aid granted.

4. Incorporation of Fellows

The dates of incorporation of the Fellows in their receiving centres will be 1 August 2024 for the United States, Sweden, the Netherlands, and France, and 1 September 2024 for the United Kingdom. Or the date established by each Centre.

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.

5. 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 or Psychology** 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 Department or Centre 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.

6. 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.

7. 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.

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.

8. 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.

9. 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 or Psychology.
- Congress presentations, last 3 years only.
- Management or 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 or Clinical Psychology, Certificate of having completed the residency period MIR or PIR before inclusion.
- Complete academic certification (certified copy).
- Photocopy of the IELTS, TOEFL, Cambridge or DALF C1 exams issued recently (last 2 years only).
- Certificates accrediting shifts worked in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, **signed by the tutors concerned.**
- Other certificates (masters', diplomas, etc.).
- Documents accrediting academic achievements.
- Documents accrediting research achievements.
- Where applicable, accreditation of working for the public administration.

10. **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 20 March 2024, 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.

11. 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 2024-2026 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.

12. Data Protection

The ALICIA KOPLOWITZ FOUNDATION, which is responsible for the processing, informs that the personal data provided by the participants, within the framework of the application, will be used for the purpose of managing their registration and participation in the corresponding call for applications, to identify them and to be able to contact the participant for any question related to the application.

The legal basis for the processing is the acceptance of the terms of the corresponding call for applications and, where appropriate, the satisfaction of the legitimate interest of the ALICIA KOPLOWITZ FOUNDATION, consisting of managing the recruitment procedure, as well as the fulfilment of the legal obligations that correspond to the ALICIA KOPLOWITZ FOUNDATION.

Personal data may be communicated to third parties participating in the call for applications, as well as to competent bodies or authorities, always within the framework of the participation and development of the grant and the result of the same. You may exercise your rights of access, rectification, deletion, opposition, limitation of processing, portability and file a complaint with the Spanish Data Protection Agency. You can consult more information in the Privacy Policy that you will find on our web page www.fundacionaliciakoplowitz.org