

ALICIA KOPLOWITZ FOUNDATION

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR ADVANCED TRAINING FELLOWSHIPS IN CHILD AND ADOLESCENT PSYCHIATRY AND PSYCHOLOGY.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS: 2026-2028 CALL

The Alicia Koplowitz Foundation announces **3 (THREE) Advanced Training Fellowships for Psychiatry and Child and Adolescent Psychology**. The aim is to offer Psychiatry interns who were not able to sit the MIR (Medical Resident Intern) in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry because this speciality has not yet been established in Spain and therefore no places in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry have been convened, those who did not pass the exam to access the specialist title by the extraordinary route.

In the case of Clinical Psychologists via PIR, due to the need to formalise a training itinerary once the undeniable need for child and adolescent psychologists has been confirmed.

The Fellowships are for two years at one of the International Centres with which cooperation 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. Since institutional licensing at Pittsburg is currently only offered to physicians, psychology applicants are only offered research training, although they may also observe clinical work and participate in all educational activities.
- *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. Emily Simonoff.
- *Karolinska Institute, Department of Clinical Neuroscience. Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Research Center. Stockholm (Sweden).*
Tutor: Dr David Mataix-Cols.
- *Southampton University, 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 to the department of child and youth psychiatry. Their **main** tasks will be related to the **Clinical Research** undertaken within the Department. In addition, they will actively participate in the

teaching programme of sessions, seminars, workshops, etc. They shall perform the **clinical rotations** established by the training programme in a manner as similar as possible to those performed by their local colleagues, **provided that the relevant legal rules and regulations of the destination country and/or state allow this.**

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

They will always be supported by Spanish Tutors appointed by the Foundation, who in turn have been beneficiaries of a fellowship in the same Destination Centre, except in the new centres with which a collaboration agreement has recently been signed (Paris-East Créteil University. Fondation FondaMental. Paris, France).

1. Candidate Requirements

- Spanish nationality.
- Qualification as a Psychiatrist (MIR) or Clinical psychologist (PIR) after 2021 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.
- Proficiency in spoken and written English, preferably in a clinical environment, **duly accredited by means of an IELTS certificate for UK. UVKI>7.0, or the DALF C1 certificate for French** (exam taken 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>) and **USA, if they are destined for 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 Fellows

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 or French language.**

The Selection Committee will decide **on the final allocation 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 May 2026.

Fellowships may be declared null and void at the proposal of the Selection Committee.

3. Financial provision for the Fellowships

- **The financial provision for Fellows is \$55,000 per year for placements in the United States, £42,500 per year in the United Kingdom (including national insurance) and €48,000 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 \$US1,850, £1,400 or €1,600, 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 for the Fellow.
- 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 €42,000 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 fellowships will be automatically cancelled and the Foundation entitled to claim the amounts received up to that date by the fellow, at the time when for any reason the fellow fails to attend the Advanced Training or research programmes at the hospital assigned by the Foundation to benefit from the granted fellowship.

4. Incorporation of Fellows

The dates of incorporation of the Fellows in their receiving centres will be **1 August 2026** for the United States, Sweden, the Netherlands and France, and **1 September 2026** for the United Kingdom. Or the date set by each Centre, depending on the date of issue of the corresponding Visa.

From the time they are informed of having been awarded 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. 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.

6. Monitoring of Fellows

Fellows must submit a **midterm report** at the end of the first year and a **final report** within three months of completing the 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 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 will be entitled to join the Association of Child and Adolescent Mental Health Scientists - Alicia Koplowitz Foundation as full members (<http://www.asociaciondecientificos-fundak.org>) on request to the Foundation's board of directors.

7. 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.

8. Application Form

In order to be eligible for the Fellowships, interested parties must duly complete the **Application Form** corresponding to this Call, using the telematic application on the Meeting Group platform created for this purpose. It will ask for the following:

- The applicant's personal, professional and academic information.
- References. Two letters of reference, **on official letterhead, original signature and stamp**, must be attached.
- Aims of the Placement. **Descriptive report** of the reasons for applying for the Fellowship, maximum of 2-3 pages.
- **CV in CVN format.**
- **Recent certificate accrediting proficiency in the English language:** IELTS for UK>7.0, or the DALF C1 certificate **for French** (test taken within the last two years).

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

9. Deadline and Method for Submitting Applications

Interested parties must duly complete the Application Form corresponding to this Call, using the telematic application on the Meeting Group platform created for this purpose: <https://formacionsaludmental.portaleira.com/projects/Ayudas26> and it will be sent **before March 30, 2026**.

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

10. 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 2026-2028 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 fellow will lose the entitlement to use it without prejudice to any financial claim where applicable on the part of the Foundation.

11. Data Protection

The personal data collected in the application will form part of a file held by the Alicia Koplowitz Foundation and will be subject to the protection established by Organic Law 3/2018 of 5 December 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.