

Inova Sports Medicine Concussion Program Post-Doctoral Fellowship in Clinical Neuropsychology Focus: Sports Neuropsychology 2025-2027

The Inova Sports Medicine Concussion Program is pleased to announce that we are accepting applications for one post-doctoral fellowship position in clinical neuropsychology with a focus in sports neuropsychology for the 2025-2027 cycle. The Inova Sports Medicine Concussion Program's Postdoctoral Fellowship is a two-year specialty-training program that provides advanced clinical, didactic, and research training in neuropsychology. Specifically, the program focuses on the diagnosis, management, treatment, and research of mild traumatic brain injuries (mTBI). The Inova Sports Medicine Concussion Program is involved in concussion management at all levels of sports participation, including professional, collegiate, high school, and recreational. In addition to managing and treating athletes, the program also receives referrals for neuropsychological evaluations of patients with non-sport related mTBIs.

The Inova Sports Medicine Concussion Program is housed in a multi-disciplinary outpatient orthopedic treatment facility working in connection with primary care sports medicine physicians, orthopedists, and physical therapists. The program also works closely with the Neurology/Neuroscience service line. The concussion program receives referrals from a variety of sources including Emergency Room Departments, Urgent Cares, Primary Care Physicians/Pediatricians, Neurologists, and school Athletic Trainers. As such, fellows will be provided with experiential learning opportunities across various populations with particular emphasis in mTBI. The concussion program treats individuals across the lifespan from pediatric (starting at 5yrs) through adulthood.

The fellowship program strives to provide exemplary training consistent with a scientist-practitioner model. Therefore, the program emphasizes advanced evidenced-based clinical training and education to prepare post-doctoral fellows to work in the specialty area of concussion. However, the program also affords fellows with an opportunity to diversify their experience according to their interest level. As such, there are opportunities to provide sport psychology services under the supervision of our clinical neuropsychologists. Additionally, there are also opportunities for the fellow to complete full neuropsychological batteries assessing other neurologic issues through the Neurology/Neuroscience service line.

Neuropsychology fellow duties primarily consist of brief neuropsychological evaluations of pediatric and adult concussion patients presenting with a variety of mechanisms. Additionally, fellows will be expected to participate in different didactic and training activities to promote the development of advanced knowledge and competences in mTBI. More specifically, fellows will attend monthly seminars consisting of either case presentations, didactics on relevant subjects and/or research topics. Fellows are also expected to attend weekly journal clubs and research meetings. Furthermore, fellows will also have access to attend Inova Neuroscience academic conferences and Grand Rounds. The Inova Sport Medicine Concussion Program has been at the forefront of research both locally and nationally; and currently has one of the largest clinical patient research



registries in the country. Current research projects are investigating the efficacy of targeted treatments, the use of mobile technology in concussion recovery, and the long-term effects of concussion on youth athletes. Participation in research or program development is expected throughout the fellowship through collaboration with ongoing research projects and development of an independent research project in the second year of the fellowship.

The fellowship program is a two-year commitment beginning in either the Summer or Fall 2025-2027 (dependent on when the applicant's degree is conferred), full-time appointment with eligibility for board certification afterwards. The appointment offers a stipend that is competitive and consistent with NIH post-doctoral fellowship guidelines. The fellow is eligible for full benefits, including personal and family health, dental, and vision insurance along with federal holidays, and personal vacation time. A doctoral degree in psychology, completion of an APA-accredited internship, and training in neuropsychological assessment are required. The Postdoctoral Fellowship Program is committed to promote expertise in cultural and individual diversity by recruiting applicants from different cultural backgrounds and by providing the fellows with theoretical instruction, experiential training, and exposure to populations that are diverse in areas of age, gender, gender-identity, sexual orientation, ethnicity, race, national origin, language, level of education and social economic status. This program is an 'APA-accredited, on Contingency' specialty training program as it is in the process of completing accreditation. Please visit our website for more information regarding the Inova Sport Medicine Concussion Program.

<https://www.inova.org/our-services/inova-sports-medicine-concussion-program>

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

All application materials are to be submitted by January 3rd, 2025 and candidate interviews will be offered in a rolling admissions style. The following materials are required:

1. Statement of goals and interests
2. Official graduate school transcript
3. CV
4. Three letters of recommendation (at least one from an internship supervisor). If submitting electronically, please scan all three signed letters into one PDF document. If the supervisor would like, letters of recommendation can also be emailed directly to sabrina.jennings2@inova.org

All inquiries regarding the fellowship, as well as application materials, should be sent via email to:

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