Division of Medical Ethics

**CLINICAL ETHICS FELLOWSHIP**

The Division of Medical Ethics at Weill Cornell Medicine in New York City currently has an opportunity for two full-time 2-year fellowship positions in clinical ethics to begin July 1, 2018.

The fellowship is part of the New York-Houston Medical Ethics Consortium, which brings together Weill Cornell Medical College, the NewYork-Presbyterian Healthcare System, Houston Methodist Hospital and Baylor College of Medicine. The aim of this consortium is to provide fellows with an outstanding opportunity in clinical and research ethics by drawing upon transcontinental expertise and varied practice settings. Fellows will learn from a distinguished faculty and each other through various joint activities: video-conferenced seminar series, case conferences, and journal clubs; visiting observerships at consortium hospitals; and retreats in Houston and New York. The program will provide fellows with the clinical experience, training and education required to become experts in clinical ethics consultation and prepare them for academic careers in medical ethics.

**Fellowship Components and Service Expectations**

* Training in adult and pediatric clinical ethics consultation based on the American Society for Bioethics and Humanities core competencies in clinical ethics consultation.
* Mentored scholarship in clinical or research ethics including a capstone project.
* Structured curriculum on advanced topics in bioethics.
* Case conferences and journal club.
* Active participation on the ethics consultation service, including supervised on-call responsibilities.
* Active participation in institutional ethics committee meetings.
* Participation in the educational activities of the Division, including teaching and mentoring medical students. Assisting in the development and presentation of educational programs for house staff, faculty, and attending staff.
* Participation in Divisional and Consortium scholarly programs.
* Clinical rotation on the ethics service of our partner institutions in Houston.
* Fellows who choose to participate in part-time clinical practice in their respective specialties during the fellowship may have this opportunity.

**Qualifications**

* M.D. is preferred. We will consider applicants with a Doctoral or Master’s degree in a relevant area of study, which might include, nursing, bioethics, social work, chaplaincy, the humanities, social sciences and/or the law.
* Clinical experience in a relevant area of practice, which could include medicine, nursing, bioethics, social work, chaplaincy, and/or health law. Inter-disciplinary experience a plus.
* Compassion, empathy, open-mindedness, and the ability to integrate the clinical, psychosocial, cultural, spiritual, and institutional dimensions of ethical decision-making.
* Exceptional analytical and writing skills.
* Excellent verbal skills.
* Exceptional ability to work collegially with a diverse professional and lay staff.
* Scholarly initiative and creativity.

Competitive stipend with excellent benefits, including a subsidy for conference travel, will be provided.

**Application Requirements**

* Current CV.
* Three letters of recommendation.
* Two published or unpublished writing samples for which you were the sole, lead or senior author.
* Letter of intent that includes:
  + Why you are interested in the fellowship?
  + Describe ethical challenges that illustrate your ability to analyze difficult situations, mediate conflicts, and work collegially with diverse groups. How have these experiences led to your interest in clinical ethics?
  + How will the fellowship complement your prior education and training?
  + Potential areas of interest for independent bioethics scholarship.
  + Your clinical and academic career objectives upon completion of the fellowship.

**Please submit application to Joan Walker, RN, MS:** [**jow9033@med.cornell.edu**](mailto:jow9033@med.cornell.edu)

Ms. Walker is also available to answer questions about the program or how to apply.

**DEADLINE:** We will begin reviewing applications on **November 15, 2017,** and continue until the positions are filled.

Directed by **Joseph J. Fins, M.D., M.A.C.P.**, <http://vivo.med.cornell.edu/display/cwid-jjfins> the fellowship is a rare opportunity for uniquely qualified individuals to participate in the Ethics program at this Ivy-League medical college located on the Upper East Side of Manhattan. Our established program is home to 5 full-time and 30 adjunct faculty from a range of disciplines with nationally recognized expertise in numerous areas including: neuroethics, research ethics, end-of-life decision-making, advance directives, clinical ethics consultation, ethics education, the ethics of molecular and reproductive medicine, and feminist ethics. Our high-volume ethics consultation service handles approximately 350 cases per year, serving both the NewYork Presbyterian Hospital – Weill Cornell Medicine and NYP - Lower Manhattan Hospital. This setting, plus the collaboration with faculty at Houston Methodist Hospital and Baylor College of Medicine offers a unique opportunity to interact with and benefit from a particularly large and diverse faculty and patient population.