

Department of Psychiatry and Human Behavior (DPHB)

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the DPHB, and how is it different from my hospital “department”?

The Department of Psychiatry and Human Behavior is the academic department of The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University that includes psychiatrists, psychologists, and other academics who do their teaching and/or research in mental and behavioral health.

Typically, faculty members are employed by one of the six teaching hospitals (Rhode Island Hospital, The Miriam Hospital, Bradley Hospital, Butler Hospital, Women & Infants Hospital, and the Providence Veterans Association Medical Center); the hospitals manage employment, benefits, and annual performance reviews specific to the position. The DPHB grants and provides oversight of academic appointments (e.g., Clinical Assistant Professor, Associate Professor [Research]) that represent their teaching and/or research activities.

Who is in the DPHB?

The DPHB is the second largest department in the medical school, after Medicine. There are approximately 500 faculty members across all six teaching hospitals and Brown in the DPHB. Approximately 2/3 of the faculty are PhDs, and 1/3 are MDs. About 65-70% of faculty identify as female. Current data from the medical school indicate approximately 11% are faculty of color.

What training programs are in the DPHB?

Psychology Internship (24)	Psychiatry Residency (37)
Adult, Child, Behavioral Medicine, and Neuropsychology Tracks	R25 Research Training Program
Psychology Postdoctoral Fellowships (52)	Triple Board Residency (15)
Research Fellowship Program	Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Fellowship (13)
Clinical Psychology Postdoctoral Program	R25 Research Training Program
Clinical Child Specialty Program	Forensic Psychiatry Fellowship
Clinical Neuropsychology Specialty Program	Women’s Mental Health Fellowship
	Consultation-Liaison Fellowship
	Geriatric Psychiatry Fellowship

What resources does the Medical School provide for faculty?

Brown email, Brown library resources, ongoing free CME/CE programs, and other benefits found here:

<https://www.brown.edu/about/administration/biomed/faculty-affairs/faculty-perks-and-benefits>

The Office of Women in Medicine and Science (OWIMS) hosts professional development opportunities, networking events, and book club meetings throughout the year.

Review the DPHB Onboarding document for more faculty “perks”.

What are the faculty “tracks”?

There are two main pathways for faculty appointments. Individuals who typically spend their academic time doing clinical supervision and providing seminars in a didactic series are in the Clinical Tracks. Individuals who spend time conducting research and/or have a large role coordinating training are in the Academic Tracks. There are different kinds of appointments within each of these Tracks. More information about Tracks and Ranks here:

<https://www.brown.edu/about/administration/biomed/faculty-affairs/tracks/medicine>

<https://psych.med.brown.edu/faculty-appointments>

How does the DPHB work to promote belonging for people of all identities?

The Community and Belonging Council guides departmental leaders in building a culture of respect and belonging within the department and in partnership with the greater community. The Council welcomes faculty and trainees to join committees dedicated to community engagement, education, faculty affairs, and trainee support.

<https://psych.med.brown.edu/belonging/community-and-belonging-council>

What educational activities are sponsored by the DPHB? Can I get CE/CME credit for them?

The DPHB sponsors Academic Grand Rounds the first Wednesday of every month at 11 am. This is currently in virtual format. CME/CE credits are available.

The DPHB Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Division sponsors a Child and Adolescent Academic Grand Rounds the second Wednesday of every month, currently in virtual format. CME/CE credits are available.

The DPHB Education Committee sponsors other offerings for faculty. The Master Clinician Series provides case-based discussions of complex clinical presentations. A Faculty Development Workshop is also offered annually, typically on a broad topic of relevance to those who provide services and supervise trainees. CME/CE credits are available.

I am a researcher. How does the Academic Appointment Process work?

Talk to your faculty mentor and contact holly_wilker@brown.edu to find out the timeline and materials required. More details here: <https://psych.med.brown.edu/faculty-appointments>

Does the DPHB provide any academic resources to support faculty research?

Core areas include the Quantitative Science Program (Rich Jones, PhD), the Qualitative Science and Methods Training Program (Kate Guthrie, PhD), the BRIDGE program in implementation science (Rani Elwy, PhD) and the Neuroimaging Core (Jennifer Barredo, PhD). Each of these cores provides consultation and/or training opportunities. More detail will be provided soon on the DPHB website.

Which IRB do I submit my research through?

Typically, new research is submitted through the hospital system where you are employed. Research that involves staff or patients from multiple institutions may necessitate an IRB Authorization Agreement (IAA) to establish a single IRB review. Relevant IRBs are noted below:

Lifespan (for RIH/TMH/Bradley)
Butler
Women & Infants
Providence VA Medical Center VAMC
Brown (for faculty who are Brown employees)

I am a clinician. How does the Clinical Faculty Academic Appointment Process work?

See the following information <https://psych.med.brown.edu/faculty-appointments> and talk to the psychology or psychiatry service chief at your hospital. Here are the current service chiefs:

Bradley Hospital: Christine Low, PhD, Larry Brown, MD
Butler Hospital: Ana Abrantes, PhD, Mustafa Surti, MD
Rhode Island/Hasbro Hospital (Child Division): Elizabeth McQuaid, PhD, Larry Brown, MD
Rhode Island/Miriam Hospital (Adult Division): Kristy Dalrymple, PhD; Jody Underwood, MD
Providence VA Medical Center: Tracy O'Leary Tevyaw, PhD; Jennifer Lambert, PhD
Women & Infants Hospital: Margaret Howard, PhD
Brown DPHB: Tony Spirito, PhD
Private/Community Practice Faculty: The service chief is typically the training director of the program in which you provide supervision.

Clinical faculty typically spend 1-2 years at the rank of Instructor and are then promoted to the Assistant Professor rank. Contact Holly_Wilker@brown.edu to find out the timeline and materials required. More details here: <https://psych.med.brown.edu/faculty-appointments>

I am a clinician. How can I become more involved in teaching/training opportunities?

Most supervision opportunities are identified locally through the person who runs the service where you provide care. There are also many didactics offered in our various training programs. Your service chief can identify the appropriate training program contact or email your teaching interests to the Chair of the Education Committee, Elizabeth_Mcquaid@brown.edu.

Those interested in teaching/supervision opportunities for psychiatry residents/fellows may contact the respective program directors directly, and should fill out our Teaching Topics Database Google form.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfVvoEIRxPG75ZOKsLvnwLJXM3YxNy3TbtP1klcmVPKC1IU7Q/viewform?usp=sf_link

Who is on the Leadership Council and what help can they provide?

[Audrey Tyrka, MD, PhD](#)

Department Chair, Mary Zucker Professor of Psychiatry and Human Behavior

Audrey_Tyrka@brown.edu: General issues relating to DPHB. To schedule an appointment,
Fatima_alves@brown.edu

[Larry Brown, MD](#)

Vice Chair, Director of the Division of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry

Larry_Brown@brown.edu: Academic issues relating to the Child and Adolescent Division.

[Elizabeth McQuaid, PhD ABPP](#)

Vice Chair of Academic Affairs, Director of the Division of Clinical Psychology

Elizabeth_mcquaid@brown.edu : Specific questions and consultation about readiness for promotion, participation in efforts to promote belonging, interest in teaching in DPHB seminars across programs. To schedule an appointment, Brett_requintina@brown.edu.

Other important contacts:

Holly_Wilker@brown.edu: Questions about faculty appointments/promotions; Questions about sponsored IDs; Questions about DPHB events

Katie_Liesener@brown.edu: Questions about the DPHB listserv, the DPHB website, the Weekly@DPHB newsletter, or media requests.

Training Programs:

Psychology Internship Training Director: Lauren Weinstock, PhD

Psychology Postdoctoral Fellowship Director: Elissa Jelalian, PhD

Research Fellowship Program: Elissa Jelalian PhD

Clinical Psychology Postdoctoral Program: Karen Oliver, PhD

Clinical Neuropsychology Postdoctoral Program: Jennifer Davis, PhD, ABPP-CN

Clinical Child Psychology Specialty Program: Chris Houck, PhD

Adult Psychiatry Residency Program Director: Laura Whiteley, MD

Child Psychiatry/Triple Board Fellowship Programs: Jeff Hunt, MD

Forensic Psychiatry Fellowship Program: Barry Wall, MD

Geriatric Psychiatry Fellowship Program: Laura Stanton, MD

Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry Fellowship Program: Colin Harrington, MD FANPA, FAPM, DFAPA