Dear Department of Neuroscience,

The Yale Fellowship in Pharmaceutical Research and Clinical Practice at the Yale Child Study Center is recruiting highly qualified students for an intensive pre-doctoral fellowship for current graduates or graduating seniors interested in a combined clinical and research career in autism treatment. **The position will commence June 2018.**

This is a two-year, full-time, work-training program dedicated to autism pharmaceutical research and clinical experience. The fellowship combines elements of experiential learning with supervision, self-directed learning, and shadowing. Research training encompasses learning to lead and coordinate multiple pharmaceutical clinical trials involving children and adults living with autism spectrum disorders. The fellows will be immersed in clinical training, including training on assessments used in autism evaluation and observation of a range of therapeutic strategies used during patient sessions and psychiatric consultations. They will be directly involved in communication with parents and schools regarding patient treatment and medication management. After the necessary skills have been acquired, fellows will have the opportunity to mentor an individual with autism. Fellows will also be involved in community outreach and will develop leadership skills while directing organized social groups for families and individuals living with autism spectrum disorder. With research mentorship, selected applicants will be expected to present and potentially publish results of their own work related to psychopharmacology and autism. Successful candidates will have a high degree of initiative and independence with strong organizational skills and ability to work effectively with many types of people across different settings. Flexibility and endurance are also essential qualities. Fellows are awarded $30,000 the 1st year and $32,000 the 2nd year, as well as full healthcare coverage.

**Eligibility Requirements**

Eligible are college graduates who will have obtained a bachelor’s degree by June 2018. While previous relevant experience is preferred, applicants from a wide variety of backgrounds are encouraged. U.S. citizenship is not a requirement of the fellowship. Please note that this fellowship is not offered concurrently with graduate studies. However, we do hope that the fellowship will serve as an important stepping-stone towards future medical or graduate studies.

**Application Information**

For more specific questions, interested applicants should contact Dr. Roger Jou. Electronic submissions are preferable when possible. A complete application includes 1 copy of each of the following items:

- Resume or CV
- Official transcripts, undergraduate and graduate (if applicable)
• A 2-page personal statement containing biographic material, relevant experience, and career goals - can be single or double spaced

• Two sealed and signed letters of recommendation that speak directly to the candidate’s potential

Interested students should send materials no later than **February 1, 2018** in order to be considered for the position to

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