

## FAQ: Child Life Fellowship

***What are the requirements to apply for the child life fellowship position?***

One must have completed a child life internship (with a minimum of 480 hours), and either be certified in child life, or eligible to take the child life certification exam during the fellowship year.

***How long is the fellowship position?***

The fellowship position is a year-long position, beginning in the fall. Applicants are encouraged to apply in late spring.

***How does the fellowship differ from a full-time child life position?***

Fellowships are intended for those just entering the child life field, who would prefer or need additional experience and guidance before having a full-time, independent position. To become more comfortable with the field, there are some assignments/projects accomplished during the year to enhance the fellow's knowledge of hospitalized children, interactions with patients and families, as well as being a member of a medical team. A fellow has much more independence than an internship student, but also has a supervisor to report to on a regular basis, to discuss challenges, difficulties, and achievements.

***Is the fellowship a paid position?***

Yes, the fellowship is a paid position. It also includes medical benefits and funds to attend the annual child life conference held in the summer.

***How many fellows does your program accept?***

There is one fellow accepted each year.

***What hospital areas does the fellow cover?***

Please review the fellowship information under the Student Programs section.

***Is housing available?***

Housing is not available through the child life program or The Children's Hospital. However, child life staff can provide basic information regarding the area and what avenues to seek information from in regards to housing, upon request.

***How many child life fellowship positions are available throughout the country?***

There are between 15-20 fellowship positions throughout the country, one of them being at The Children's Hospital at OU Medical Center, which is the only one available in the state of Oklahoma.

Please, contact Erin Bailey for further questions regarding the fellowship program.

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