

Call for Applications

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Postdoctoral Fellow for Neurotech Justice Accelerator at Mass General Brigham (NJAM), a Dana Center for Neuroscience & Society

Department: MGB Department of Neurosurgery

Location: Boston, MA

Start Date: August or September 2027

Duration: One year with the possibility of extension upon satisfactory work, anticipated 2-year position

Primary Supervisor: Francis Shen, JD, PhD

Description: The Neurotech Justice Accelerator at Mass General Brigham (NJAM), a Dana Center for Neuroscience & Society, is an established grant-funded project that will train the next generation of neuroscience and society leaders to improve equitable access to beneficial neurotechnology, protect the public from potential harms, and establish standards to promote responsible societal use of neurotechnology.

NJAM is partnering with the Petrie-Flom Center for Health Law Policy, Biotechnology, and Bioethics at Harvard Law School to recruit for a Postdoctoral Senior Fellow in Neurolaw. The NJAM Senior Fellow in Neurolaw will receive mentoring and training from NJAM Co-Director Dr. Francis Shen, JD, PhD. Fellows will also engage with the MGH Center for Law, Brain & Behavior (CLBB), the national leader in applying neuroscience in the law. The Fellow will also have opportunities to collaborate with NJAM co-directors Dr. Theresa Williamson, MD, and Dr. Gabriel Lázaro-Muñoz, PhD, JD.

All Fellows will participate fully in the work of NJAM, and training will be individually tailored to meet career needs.

At the completion of the program, Senior Fellows will be well prepared to pursue careers at the intersection of neuroscience and law, including careers in legal academia.

NJAM Fellows will receive working space at the MGB Assembly Row Campus, and will have access to neuroscience and society networks at MGB and Harvard. NJAM Fellows will be expected to both support NJAM projects, and to build an independent portfolio of work.

The Neurolaw Fellow will be affiliated as well with the Harvard Law School Petrie-Flom Center, including HLS library access, and joining the PFC scholarly community.

The PIs value open communication, innovation, and collaboration. Individualized mentorship by the Co-Directors will focus on career development and growth. Other training for Research

Fellows includes: Participation in regular lab meetings and journal clubs, opportunities to present work at scientific conferences/meetings, protected time for community outreach, guidance for establishing independent grant funding, and preparation and submission of scientific manuscripts for publication.

The specific responsibilities of the position may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Work with the Co-Directors and NJAM staff to pursue research at the intersection of neuroscience and law; develop strong community partnerships.
- Conduct analysis and produce writing related to the research objectives of the project.
- Work collaboratively on manuscript writing and development
- Take leading role on manuscript development in line with career development goals
- Assist in establishing timelines, evaluate and revise project plans, and advise on project issues
- As needed, assist and lead in preparation of IRB protocols, protocol amendments, continuing reviews, data records, and maintain project personnel IRB compliance documents;
- Take the lead and assist in the preparation of presentations to disseminate the project's research in local, national, and international meetings
- Take the lead and assist in the preparation of manuscripts for publication
- As needed, support preparation of grant applications, budgets, and progress reports for government agencies such as NIH and NSF, and private foundations, with great attention to detail such as deadlines, formatting, and the grant terms of the sponsoring organization
- Draft, edit, and process a wide variety of written materials related to grant-supported research activities, including budget narratives, statements of work, and email correspondence
- Perform other duties based on project needs

Basic Qualifications:

- Advanced graduate degree (e.g. JD, PhD, MD) in relevant fields such as law, neuroscience, medicine, and so forth.

Preferred Qualifications:

- Candidates should have a robust background or potential for research and academic publishing
- Applicants should be highly motivated with an ability to work independently and collaboratively.
- Due to the in-person community engagement activities associated with this position, the fellow will be required to live in the Greater Boston area and to work in-person regularly on the MGB campus and at Harvard Law School.

Application Procedures:

- Apply via [Google Forms](#)
- To apply, please submit:
 - **Cover letter.** The Cover Letter should include: 1) Discussion of relevant experience and skills; 2) A brief description (500 words or less) of a neurolaw

project that you would like to pursue as an NJAM Fellow; and 3) Discussion of how the Fellowship would advance your career trajectory in law and neuroscience.

- **CV**
- **Unofficial transcripts (optional)**
- The priority deadline for applications is September 15, 2026
- Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis as they are received.

Questions?

Contact njam@mgh.harvard.edu