The Psychology Externship

INTRODUCTION
The Jewish Theological Seminary (JTS) Student Counseling Center Externship provides an opportunity to experience and learn about the growing discipline of university mental health while providing psychotherapy to students in a supportive training environment. The externship is exclusively focused on the outpatient assessment and treatment of college and graduate students. Other weekly activities will include: individual supervision with licensed psychologists, a case conference and didactic seminar, and mental health outreach and prevention workshops.

CLINICAL RESPONSIBILITIES
Through the externship, externs develop skills in diagnosing and treating the mental health issues of a diverse college-based population. The extern will spend most of their time engaged in direct clinical work. This will include conducting initial diagnostic evaluations and ongoing weekly psychotherapy sessions. Externs are responsible for a caseload of 6-8 students per week and will receive on-site supervision. Externs wishing to see more than 6-8 students are usually easily accommodated. Externs also participate in student walk-in hours where they are trained in conducting brief evaluations and crisis intervention.

PSYCHODYNAMIC FOCUS
The JTS Counseling Center Psychology Externship provides an opportunity to develop and hone skills in contemporary supportive psychodynamic psychotherapy in the college setting. Weekly psychodynamic supervision, case conference, and readings discussed in the didactic seminar will enhance this learning.

OUR STUDENTS
The opportunity to work with students engaged in a religious and spiritual journey provides unique learning possibilities to our externs. Many of our students are enrolled in joint programs with either Columbia University or Barnard College. Of equal importance, their learning takes place at the Jewish Theological Seminary where students are training for careers in Jewish education and/or religious leadership positions. While within a Jewish context, our student population is diverse in age, socioeconomic, and Jewish-cultural backgrounds, sexual orientation and gender identification.
THE UNIVERSITY
The Jewish Theological Seminary (JTS) is the academic and spiritual center of Conservative Judaism worldwide, encompassing a world-class library and five schools, including the Albert A. List College of Jewish Studies, The Graduate School, William Davidson Graduate School of Jewish Education, The Rabbinical School, and the H. L. Miller Cantorial School and College of Jewish Music. JTS trains tomorrow’s religious, educational, academic, and lay leaders for the Jewish community and beyond.

TO APPLY
Please submit a cover letter, CV, and two letters of recommendation to delevin@jtsa.edu dadavar@jtsa.edu, with a copy to aabodzin@jtsa.edu.