



YALE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Department of Psychiatry / Psychology Section

Doctoral Internship Policy & Procedures

Post-Match Visit Policy

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1. Brief Informal Visits: The faculty invite incoming fellows who have matched to the internship to visit with their Primary Advisor at the placement site if the fellows are in New Haven prior to the start of the internship. This might occur, for example, in the context of a trip to the New Haven area to search for housing. The opportunity is contingent on faculty availability at the time of the visit. Incoming fellows are asked to schedule these visits by contacting their Primary Advisor in advance.

2. Pre-Internship Get Acquainted Visits: All placements offer incoming fellows the opportunity to spend a maximum of one day at their placement site prior to the start of the formal internship. A typical visit of this nature involves a meeting with the Primary Advisor, some shadowing of the current fellow, and some introductions to other staff.

The Primary Advisor will typically issue the invitation and ensure, in addition, that at least one current fellow reaches out to each newly matched fellow to extend a welcome and offer to serve as a resource.

The purpose of these Pre-Internship visits is to ease fellows' transitions to internship. The visits are not intended to formally orient incoming fellows. These visits are entirely voluntary. An incoming fellow may not wish to visit prior to the start of the internship year and may be unable to visit due to prior commitments in another city or the inability to access housing in New Haven until the formal start date of the internship. No incoming fellow will be penalized in any way for not participating in one of these visits. The faculty will provide a full orientation to every fellow beginning on the first day of internship.

Incoming fellows who decide to visit should contact their Primary Advisor well in advance to schedule the date.