



Gertrude A. Heller Partner Internships Summer 2026

[Lurie Center for Autism/Mass General Hospital](#), Lexington or Charlestown, MA.

The MGH Lurie Center for Autism, based in Lexington, Massachusetts, is now accepting applications to our Summer 2026 internship program.

The Summer Undergraduate Research Program at the Lurie Center provides an opportunity for hands-on training in autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and related conditions, and experience in clinical, preclinical, and translational research.

Internship Summary:

As part of the program, interns will be matched with a Lurie Center faculty mentor to conduct a semi-independent research project. Interns will meet weekly with their faculty mentor and interact regularly with other research staff. In addition, the program includes weekly seminars on ASD and the fundamentals of research, as well as the opportunity to observe clinical care (e.g., neurology, psychology, psychiatry, among other specialties).

Through these activities, interns gain exposure to a variety of clinical and translational research areas, such as:

- Literature searches and analysis
- Clinical trial and research study design
- Patient recruitment to studies
- Biosample analysis and processing
- Regulatory management
- Data management and entry
- Data analysis
- Neuroimaging

- Microscopy, preclinical models, PCR, histology

The program is nine weeks, full-time (35 hours/week), in person, and will conclude with a final presentation for peers and Lurie Center staff. It is expected that all accepted interns will be available for the nine week duration of the program.

Application Information:

- The Lurie Center for Autism's Summer Undergraduate Research Program is designed for undergraduates who plan to be in the Boston area. Interns are responsible for their own housing and transportation.
- Typical majors of applicants include psychology, biology, neuroscience, or pre-med studies, but are not limited to these majors.
- Preference for rising juniors and seniors with previous research experience, although exceptional rising sophomores will be considered.
- Neurodiverse students are particularly encouraged to apply
- Top candidates will be invited to submit two letters of recommendation from a professor, teacher, former employer or similar, and to a virtual interview with the Summer Internship Director in February or early March.
- The internship application link will be live on the Lurie Center for Autism website after Thanksgiving. <https://www.massgeneral.org/children/autism/lurie-center>

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Important Dates:

- Internship session: June 1, 2026 through July 31, 2026
- Application deadline: *****Haverford College Students - January 25, 2026**
- Acceptance notification: by March 31, 2026

PLEASE NOTE: Any Haverford student selected to intern at the Lurie Center who *does not already have housing* in the Boston area may be eligible for supplemental housing funds via the Heller. Please contact Drew dadair@haverford.edu or Samantha sgrosberge@haverford.edu should you have any questions.



[Carousel Connections](#), Philadelphia, PA.

Mission

We provide innovative and comprehensive services to adults with disabilities to lead a full and connected life journey as Self Advocates.

Carousel Connections is rooted in a participant centered ecosystem that focuses on collaboration, connection, and community.

- We use a skill building model to increase independence through choices in housing, volunteer and employment opportunities, and social and recreational experiences.
- We build interdependent, reciprocal relationships among participants, families, and community partners.
- We develop overall Wellness focusing on physical health and emotional regulation plans and support the individual as a “whole.”
- We engage participants, families, and mentors using a human-centered approach and value the evolution of roles.
- We believe in choice and the dignity of opportunities and the promotion of individual rights and responsibility.
- We appreciate the strengths, perspectives, and challenges that we all experience and create goals using a strength based mindset.
- We embrace diversity, equity, and inclusion at all levels of our organization and in everything we do.

Together, we create belonging in our neighborhoods and larger community.

Summer Mentor Position:

Carousel Connections is seeking mentors to support and work on skill development for individuals in their home and community, as well as support a small group (1:3) of participating volunteers in a community crew.

Mentors assist individuals in learning, improving, and maintaining the skills they need to be independent in their communities. Mentors teach skills related to managing healthcare needs, cooking, completing household tasks, budgeting and shopping, communication and self-advocacy, and being active in their community through volunteering and by attending community events. In addition, mentors support individuals as they create relationships with others and develop effective routines and tools for the home and community.

Mentors work closely with the Program Directors and engage directly with other mentors, families, and individuals.

Additionally, for student mentors, we anticipate a connection to the Haverford College programming and campus and their academic area will provide for additional opportunities and partnerships. This may involve research, collaborative partnership design, and more!

Qualifications:

- Highly organized individual with the ability to follow through, construct creative approaches, and engage with a diverse range of participants and their families.
- Understanding of experience with the disabilities community or energy towards this learning
- Able to learn and use software for reporting, assessment, and database management
- Excellent written and spoken communication skills

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