

Clinical Ethics Internship: FAQ

Application Process:

Are international applicants eligible to apply for the Clinical Ethics Internship?

- Unfortunately, we are not able to sponsor visas or accept international applicants at this time.

When can I expect to hear back about my application?

- Decisions will be sent out the week of March 9, 2026.

Does the internship require an interview?

- If selected, candidates will be invited to participate in one virtual interview between February 18, 2026 – March 6, 2026.

Does the Clinical Ethics internship require previous research experience?

- Previous research experience is not required.

Can applicants apply for both the Clinical Ethics internship and Bioethics research internship?

- Yes, if a candidate meets the criteria, they are welcome to apply to both programs.

Recommendation Letter

- The 2026 Clinical Ethics Internship requires one recommendation and one reference.
- The recommendation letter can be uploaded to the “references” section of online application form or submitted with the CV or personal statement upload.
- The reference can be added to the candidate’s CV or uploaded with the recommendation via the “references” section of the online application form. The selection committee needs the reference’s name, phone number, email, and relationship to applicant.
- Ideally, the reference and recommendation are from two different individuals.

Internship structure

How long is the Clinical Ethics internship?

- Up to 8 weeks

How many interns do you accept each year?

- Up to 2 interns per summer

What kind of mentoring and professional support is provided to Clinical Ethics interns?

- [Janet Malek](#) and [Claire Horner](#) will serve as the primary preceptors for the Clinical Ethics internship.
- Depending on the intern’s background and interests, there may be opportunities to work with other [faculty members](#) within the Center for Medical Ethics and Health Policy.

What is the structure of the clinical shadowing rotation?

- Interns will participate in up to 6 weeks of clinical shadowing with 2 hospital partners.
- Bi-weekly Discussion Group:
 - Reading list of 12 classic clinical ethics articles.
 - Led by rotating faculty members.
- Interns may have the opportunity to participate in the following:
 - Ethics Committee Meetings
 - Case Conferences
 - Grand Rounds
 - Big Topics in Ethics & Policy (BTEP) Journal Club
 - Developing Issues in Bioethics and Society (DIBS) Seminar Series

What research opportunities are available for Clinical Ethics interns?

- Opportunities to support faculty research including literature search and data analysis.

Logistics:

Where is the Clinical Ethics internship located?

- The Clinical Ethics internship is an in-person opportunity in Houston, Texas.
- Baylor College of Medicine is in the Texas Medical Center at 1 Baylor Plaza, Houston, TX 77030.
- Both clinical hospital partners are in the Texas Medical Center in Houston, Texas.

Does the internship cover my housing and living expense?

- No, we do not provide housing or living reimbursement.

Do I need a car?

- Recommended but not required.
- Houston has a Metro public transportation system and ride share options.

Will the internship cover my parking cost?

- Yes