



**WEILL CORNELL MEDICINE
CLINICAL ETHICS FELLOWSHIP
NEWYORK-PRESBYTERIAN/WEILL CORNELL MEDICAL CENTER**

The Division of Medical Ethics at Weill Cornell Medicine in New York City invites applications for a full-time 2-year fellowship beginning **July 1, 2027**.

This clinical and academic fellowship is part of the New York-Houston Medical Ethics Consortium, which brings together Weill Cornell Medical College, the NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital System, Houston Methodist Hospital, and Baylor College of Medicine. The aim of this consortium is to provide fellows with outstanding training in clinical ethics consultation and mentored scholarship in medical ethics by drawing upon transcontinental expertise and varied practice settings.

Fellows will learn from a distinguished faculty and each other through various joint activities, including: shared seminar series, case conferences, and journal clubs; visiting observerships at consortium hospitals; and retreats in Houston and New York. Participation on the ethics consultation service is a critical aspect of the fellowship, which involves real-time clinical work and supervised on-call responsibilities. Training is based on the American Society for Bioethics and Humanities core competencies in clinical ethics consultation.

The program will provide fellows with the clinical experience, training, and education required to become experts in clinical ethics consultation and prepare them for academic careers in medical ethics.

Fellowship Components and Service Expectations

Fellows will have the opportunity to:

- Rotate on in the adult and pediatric clinical ethics consultation service based at the Weill Cornell campuses of NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital System in New York City.
- Develop outstanding skills as clinical ethicists.
- Engage in mentored scholarship in medical ethics including a capstone project.
- Participate in a structured curriculum on advanced topics in bioethics.
- Attend and case conferences and journal club.
- Observe and present at institutional ethics committee meetings.
- Teach Weill Cornell medical students and NewYork-Presbyterian house staff as part of the educational activities of the Division.
- Share in the rich intellectual life of the Division's scholarly programs.
- Visit our partner institution in Houston and rotate on their clinical ethics consultation service.

Qualifications

- A doctoral or terminal degree in a relevant area of study. This might include medicine, nursing, bioethics, social work, chaplaincy, the humanities, social sciences and/or the law.

- Clinical experience in a relevant area of practice preferred. This could include medicine, nursing, bioethics, social work, clinical psychology, chaplaincy, and/or health law. Interdisciplinary training and experience are a plus.
- Compassion, empathy, open-mindedness, and the ability to integrate the clinical, psychosocial, cultural, spiritual, and institutional dimensions of ethical decision-making.
- Exceptional analytical and writing skills.
- Excellent verbal skills.
- Demonstrated ability to work collegially with others.
- Scholarly initiative and creativity.

Competitive stipend with excellent benefits, including a subsidy for conference travel, will be provided. Fellows may have the opportunity to engage in part-time clinical practice in their respective specialties during the fellowship.

Application Requirements

- Current CV.
- Three letters of recommendation.
- Three published or unpublished writing samples for which you were the sole, lead, or senior author.
- A cover letter:
 - Explain your interest in clinical ethics and in the Weill Cornell Medicine Fellowship.
 - Discuss how the fellowship will complement your prior education and training.
 - Describe one ethical challenge you have encountered or reflected on, and explain how you approached it, including, where relevant, how you navigated disagreement and engaged constructively with people who brought different perspectives.
 - Outline areas of interest for independent bioethics scholarship.
 - Delineate your clinical and academic career objectives upon completion of the fellowship.

We are an equal opportunity employer and value diversity. All applicants must have the legal right to work in the United States and possess the necessary work authorization documentation. We do not sponsor work visas or provide relocation assistance.

Please submit the application to Joan M. Tennyson, MS, RN, HEC-C: jow9033@med.cornell.edu

Ms. Tennyson is also available to answer questions about the program or how to apply.

DEADLINE: November 15, 2026

Directed by [Joseph J. Fins, MD, DHL \(hc\), DMSc \(hc\), MACP, FRCP \(London\)](#): the fellowship is a rare opportunity for uniquely qualified individuals to participate in the Ethics program at this Ivy League medical college located on the Upper East Side of Manhattan. Our established program is home to 6 full-time and 30+ plus adjunct faculty from a range of disciplines with nationally recognized expertise in numerous areas including: neuroethics, research ethics, end-of-life decision-making, advance directives, clinical ethics consultation, the unrepresented patient, ethics education, the ethics of molecular and reproductive medicine, feminist ethics, and disability ethics. In addition, our high-volume ethics consultation service serves the NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell Medical Center. This setting, plus the collaboration with faculty at Houston Methodist Hospital and Baylor College of Medicine, offers a unique opportunity to interact with and benefit from a particularly large and diverse faculty and patient population.