Provide an overview of the organization/research project and a summary of your responsibilities, tasks, and/or projects.

During this internship I studied the neural mechanisms of behavioral therapy for aggression and anxiety in children with neurodevelopmental disorders including Autism, Tourette Syndrome, and ADHD. My specific responsibilities included guiding children through clinical assessments and fMRI scans, data management, and presenting a research project.

During your internship, what did you accomplish or how did you make a difference? In what ways did you grow in your professional and technical skills?

Throughout the summer, I was able to interact with children and their families while gaining knowledge about various clinical disorders. The opportunity to develop personal relationships with the children involved and to speak with families was one of the most valuable aspects of this internship. I was also able to grow and develop skills in the data management aspects of research.

Describe a problem that you helped to solve at your internship. What skills or knowledge from your education at Sewanee helped you address the problem?

In what way were your teamwork skills strengthened?

My teamwork skills were most strengthened by assisting with data entry for research projects.

How did your internship affect your career plans?

This opportunity reinforced my passion for psychology as well as my desire to work with children in a clinical setting.
In what ways did your internship cause you to encounter people of different backgrounds from your own? What steps did you take to communicate effectively with such persons? What did you learn from such persons' perspectives?

Interacting with families and learning more about various developmental disorders helped give me a new perspective. I have always loved interacting with children, so that aspect came very naturally to me, but I definitely learned more effective strategies in handling children with aggression or anxiety with CBT (cognitive behavioral therapy).

Words of thanks to your internship funding donors:

Thank you to everyone who was involved in making this program possible!