

Essay Instructions for Applicants to Psychology Graduate Programs

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For Applicants to the Clinical Psychology MS/PhD Program

Personal Statement (Clinical PhD Program Applicants): Please provide a statement addressing the following: A) Your experiences and interests in clinical work and research; B) Diversity experiences and interests and how you would contribute to our department's diversity, equity, and inclusion mission (see: <https://www.memphis.edu/psychology/diversity-committee/>; and C) Your potential match with specific faculty, and with our program's training model (i.e. scientist practitioner model; member of the Academy of Psychological Clinical Science) in terms of your interests, and career/professional goals.

Maximum word count: 1500.

For Applicants to the Experimental Psychology MS/PhD Program

Applicant Essay (Experimental PhD Program Applicants): Describe your relevant background, research experiences, special qualifications/training, and career/professional goals. Be sure to address how your interests match up with the interests of the faculty with whom you would like to work. Finally, please include a brief statement about diversity, equity, and inclusion, which may include your own experiences, efforts, and involvement in initiatives, and/or plans for the future.

Maximum word count: 1500.

For Applicants to the School Psychology MS/PhD Program

Personal Statement (School PhD Program Applicants): Please provide a statement addressing the following: A) Your experiences and interests in the field of school psychology and research; B) Diversity experiences and interests and how you would contribute to our department's diversity, equity, and inclusion mission (see: <https://www.memphis.edu/psychology/diversity-committee/>; and C) Your potential match with the program faculty and training model (i.e., scientist practitioner model) in terms of your interests and career/professional goals.

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For Applicants to the Master of Science in General Psychology Program (MSGP)

Applicant Essay (MSGP Applicants): Describe your relevant background, research experiences, special qualifications/training, and career/professional goals. Be sure to address how your interests match up with the interests of the faculty with whom you would like to work. Finally, please include a brief statement about diversity, equity, and inclusion, which may include your own experiences, efforts, and involvement in initiatives, and/or plans for the future.

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