

ASU Department of Psychology

Application Information and Instructions: Doctoral Program

The doctoral program in the Department of Psychology annually admits students to its programs of study where prospective candidates applying in the Fall have a program start date the following academic year.

This document serves as a checklist and set of instructions for those applicants who are interested in admissions to the following program areas: Behavioral Neuroscience, Cognitive Science, Developmental Psychology, Quantitative Psychology, and Social Psychology. There is a separate admissions process for applicants interested in Clinical Psychology. Those instructions can be found here: <https://psychology.clas.asu.edu/admissions/doctoral-admissions>.

Each year, the deadlines for program applications by area are:

December 1 – Behavioral Neuroscience

December 5 – Developmental Psychology, Quantitative Psychology

January 5 - Cognitive Science, Social Psychology

The Department of Psychology notifies applicants of admissions status through ASU Graduate Education no later than 15 April. For example, if you apply in Fall 2015, you are notified of acceptance no later than April 15, 2016. If accepted, your first semester would be Fall 2016.

PhD Program Application Procedures

1. Read the information on the department's doctoral program Prospective Student admissions webpage found here: <https://psychology.clas.asu.edu/admissions/doctoral-admissions>.

2. From that page, download and complete the following forms for later uploading during the application process:

- [Statement of Purpose Form](#)
- [Applicant Response Form](#)
- [Assistantship Application Form](#)

All documents/forms must be formatted in a .doc or .pdf format prior to online submission. The online system will not process your uploaded forms if the file format is not .doc or .pdf. Do not use a docx format.

3. Review the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) webpage found here: <https://psychology.clas.asu.edu/content/faqs-doctoral-admissions>

4. Follow the instructions on the following pages for completing your application. We recommend that you print this document and use it as a check sheet to ensure you have fully completed your application.

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Instructions

Step 1. ASU Graduate Admissions Application Checklist

- Initiate an online ASU Graduate Admissions Application through the Graduate Education web site:
<https://webapp4.asu.edu/dgsadmissions/Index.jsp>
- Complete the "General Information Section." You will be asked to enter information on your GPA, GRE scores, and universities you have attended.
- Complete the Degree Section:
 - Click "Find Your Degree/Certificate Program"
 - Select "all" as your degree program category
 - Select "Tempe" as your degree program campus. Then search for results.
 - Select "Psychology (PhD)" or "Quantitative Research Methods (PhD)" as your degree program.

*The Quantitative Program is accessed under the Quantitative Research Methods (PhD) degree program; the Academic plan code is **LAPSYQUPHD**.

*The Behavioral Neuroscience, Cognitive Science, Developmental, Social and Psych - Law programs are accessed under the Psychology (PhD) degree program; the Academic plan code is **LAPSYCHPHD**.

- Enter the planned year of enrollment
- Enter Scholarship Program information
- List faculty members with whom you have consulted.
- You will need three academic letters of recommendation from faculty members who know you well. Three letters (3) are required but four letters of recommendation may be submitted.

Enter the names and email addresses for each person writing a letter for you. The recommenders will receive an e-mail with instructions on how to complete the online recommendation.

***The Recommendation Letters must be submitted prior to the application deadline.** Please let your recommenders know the deadline of the program area to which you have applied. The information the recommender receives will not have the department/area specific deadlines listed.

- Complete the Master's degree Information, if applicable
- Prepare and upload a Statement of Purpose Form in **.doc or .pdf format**. Please use the Statement of Purpose form provided.
- Complete and upload the Applicant Response Form in **.doc or .pdf format**.
- Complete and upload the Assistantship Application Form in **.doc or .pdf format**

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- Prepare and upload a current Curriculum Vitae or Resume in **.doc or .pdf format**
- Submit the online ASU Graduate Admissions Application.
- Email **unofficial**, digital copies of transcripts, GRE, and TOEFL scores (if applicable), to PsychDocs@asu.edu as pdf files. **These are in addition to the official ones you have submitted to Graduate Education.** We make this request because on occasion, we do not have access to the original documents sent to ASU Graduate Education in time for the application review process.

Step 2. Additional Actions and Requirements

- FEES:** Pay the ASU Graduate Application Fee. Your official application will not be made available to the department for review until the fee has been paid.
- TRANSCRIPTS:** Contact *each* college or university you listed on your application and request they mail your **official** paper (hardcopy) transcripts to the ASU address below. Electronic copies of transcripts are not accepted by ASU.

Arizona State University
Graduate Education Admissions
Interdisciplinary Building, B-Wing, Room 170
PO Box 871003
Tempe, AZ 85287-1003

- GRE SCORES:** You must submit GRE Aptitude scores. The GRE General Exam is the only standardized test required of all English Language Services (ELS) doctoral program applicants.

Have ETS (Educational Testing Service) provide ASU with **official** GRE scores. The ETS Institutional Code for **ASU = 4007**. The **Department Code = 5199**.

For International Students:

- If appropriate, complete and submit a paper copy of the [Financial Guarantee Form](#). This form must be completed by anyone who will attend ASU while holding an F-1 or J-1 visa. Send the form to:
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Graduate Education Admissions
Interdisciplinary Building, B-Wing, Room 170
PO Box 871003
Tempe, AZ 85287-1003
- If appropriate, have official TOEFL scores sent to ASU. Most applicants from a country in which the native language is not English must submit TOEFL scores.

Questions? Contact us at psychgrad@asu.edu or call 480-965-7606.