

Clinical Science Applicants Only

Fall, 2008

(Note: There are no comparable informational sheets for other Areas of the Psychology Department.)

Dear Applicant to the Graduate Program in Clinical Science:

This document provides additional information about the Clinical Science Program's philosophy of research training. Central to our philosophy of research training is the notion that Clinical Science Program graduate students should be involved in the process of learning about research during all years of their residence in our program. To facilitate research experience, each student is invited to join a faculty member's research group upon admission. This mentorship provides new students with the opportunity to learn about the faculty member's research area from close contact with the faculty member and his or her students. Although most students maintain that relationship beyond the first year, there is flexibility in choosing a research mentor and establishing other research relationships as one progresses through the program.

We strongly advise that you read the research descriptions of faculty posted on the website before completing your application. The following professors are considering the mentorship of new students in Fall 2008: Stephen P. Hinshaw (<http://psychology.berkeley.edu/faculty/profiles/shinshaw.html>), Ann Kring (<http://psychology.berkeley.edu/faculty/profiles/akring.html>), Robert W. Levenson (<http://psychology.berkeley.edu/faculty/profiles/rlevenson.html>), Qing Zhou (<http://psychology.berkeley.edu/faculty/profiles/qzhou.html>), and Allison Harvey (<http://psychology.berkeley.edu/faculty/profiles/aharvey.html>). Emeriti Professors Philip Cowan, Carolyn Cowan and Rhona Weinstein will **not** be available to mentor new students in Fall 2008. After reading the research descriptions, please indicate in part B of the application the Clinical Science Program faculty whose research best fits your interests. The list should be by order of preference and include a brief explanation. Please note that although a faculty member may be interested in mentoring a new student, all admissions decisions are made by the Admissions Committee, not by individual faculty members.

For Fall of 2007, the committee reviewed 280 applicants to form an incoming class of 6. As with any graduate program, test scores and GPA's are considered: the median Graduate Record Exam (GRE) scores of admitted students over the past three years were Verbal 670.44, Quantitative 710.53, and Analytical NA, and for the last three years the Analytical Writing median was 5.58. The average GPA was 3.75. In addition to these measures, careful consideration is given to your Statement of Purpose, research experience, and letters of recommendation. An outstanding record in any one of these areas, particularly in research experience, may compensate for poorer performance in another.