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Dear Prospective Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in our Ph.D. in Psychology program. We include here some information that we hope you will find useful.

The Psychology Department admits students to the Ph.D. program once a year, for the Fall semester only. Applications for Fall 2011 admission will be available beginning September 13, 2010; the application deadline is November 30, 2010. You will need to complete your admissions application online at http://www.grad.berkeley.edu/admissions/grad_app.shtml.

The Psychology Department offers the Ph.D. program only. Students who want to earn only a terminal M.A. degree are *not* admitted. Our graduate program is a full-time day program and has no provision for accepting part-time students. For Fall 2010, 640 applications were received to fill approximately 20 graduate student positions. Of the 640 applications, 290 were submitted for admission to the Clinical Science area but only 7 clinical applicants were offered admission. Given the competition for admission, we suggest that potential applicants review their background and interests carefully before applying.

The Department invites applications from students who are primarily interested in research. Undergraduate research experience is helpful; this includes formal statistics/methods courses and special class projects, independent study projects, and part-time or volunteer work in research. All of our graduate program areas, including the Clinical Science area, have a strong research emphasis. We believe that competence in research and scholarship, as well as clinical experience, are prerequisites for leadership in teaching and public service in clinical psychology.

Our selection procedure is based on a combination of factors, including 1) prior relevant experience, 2) letters of recommendation, 3) statement of purpose and personal history statement, 4) grades, and 5) Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores. The Department requires a minimum of three letters of recommendation, transcripts, and the GRE General Test with the admissions application. International applicants are also required to provide evidence of English language proficiency (e.g., the TOEFL).

Fees are categorized by California residency status. Resident fees are \$6,474.75 per semester. Non-resident fees are an additional \$7,551.00 per semester. The Department provides tuition support for non-residents for the first year, and expects eligible students (i.e., U.S. citizens and U.S. permanent residents) to establish California residency by the start of the second year. (Note: Fees are based on figures for the 2010-2011 academic year and are subject to change.)

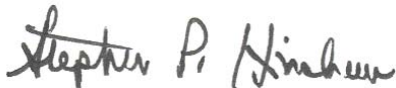
Financial support is available to all enrolled students, and is guaranteed for the first five years of the program. The support comes from different sources: some students obtain University or national fellowships, others are supported by Graduate Student Instructor (teaching) or Graduate Student Researcher appointments. The support typically pays at least 90% of the resident fees and provides a stipend. Eligibility of some fellowship programs is limited U.S. citizens and permanent residents, *but* all students are eligible for GSI and GSR appointments. The University will waive non-resident tuition for eligible students for up to three years. The program of each area is designed to be completed in 10 semesters, so program fees may exceed \$75,000. Given the fellowship restrictions and cost of fees, we encourage you to carefully assess whether our program is appropriate. Private universities, on the other hand, are usually able to provide similar support to U.S. and non-U.S. citizens.

For further information, please visit us online.

- Department of Psychology: <http://psychology.berkeley.edu/>
- Psych Dept Admissions Info: http://psychology.berkeley.edu/graduate/grad_application.html
- University Admissions Info: <http://www.grad.berkeley.edu/prospective/>
- Online Application: http://www.grad.berkeley.edu/admissions/grad_app.shtml
- *General Catalog*: <http://catalog.berkeley.edu>
- Establishing California Residency: <http://registrar.berkeley.edu/Residency/establish.html>

We appreciate your interest in our program. If you have questions about the admissions process, please send an email to our Graduate Advisor at <psychgradinfo@berkeley.edu>

Sincerely yours,



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Professor and Chair