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Dear Prospective Applicant:

We have received your request for information concerning our graduate program in psychology. We include here some information that we hope you will find useful.

The Psychology Department admits students to its graduate program once per year, for the Fall Semester only. Applications for Fall 2010 admission should be available beginning September 14, 2009; the application deadline date is November 30, 2009. You may apply either 1) electronically at <http://www.grad.berkeley.edu/prospective/>; 2) or by mail—write to us in September for an application packet. To mail applications outside of the United States, there is a fee of \$15 U.S. payable to UC Regents. We strongly prefer electronic applications.

The Psychology Department offers a 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 2009-2010, 611 applications were received to fill approximately 20 graduate student positions. Of the 611 applications, 245 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 from formal statistics/methods courses and special class projects, independent study projects, and/or paid or volunteer work in research are all helpful. 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 scores. The Department requires a minimum of three letters of recommendation, one set of transcripts, and the GRE General Test. 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 \$5616.25 per semester. Non-resident fees are an additional \$7518.00 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 (information on the procedure to establish residency is available at <http://registrar.berkeley.edu/Residency/establish.html>). Note: Fees are based on figures for the 2009-2010 academic year and are subject to change.

Financial support is available to all enrolled students. The support comes from different sources: some students obtain University or national fellowships, and others are supported by Graduate Student Instructor (GSI; teaching) or Graduate Student Researcher (GSR) appointments. The support typically pays at least 90% of the resident fees and provides a stipend. Eligibility of some fellowship programs is limited to U.S. citizens and U.S. permanent residents; note, however, that all students are eligible for GSI and GSR appointments.

Note that the University will waive non-resident tuition for eligible international students for up to three years, but only after the students advance to candidacy. The doctoral program is designed to be completed in 10 semesters, so program fees may exceed \$75,000. Given the fellowship restrictions noted above, as well as the fees for non-residents, 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 information about the Department, you may visit the Psychology Department home page at <http://psychology.berkeley.edu/>. For information on course offerings, see the *General Catalog*. You may access the *General Catalog* at <http://berkeley.edu/catalog>. You may also order a hard copy of the *General Catalog* from this Website.

We appreciate your interest in our program.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen P. Hinshaw", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Stephen P. Hinshaw
Professor and Chair
Department of Psychology