

## Graduate Application Guidance for MSU Admissions Interface

Thank you for your interest in our PhD program in Psychology. Below is some guidance to assist you in navigating the MSU admissions interface to provide the required information for applying to our program. If you have any questions or difficulties with updating your information, please let us know.

1. **Semester of study and major preference:** The drop-down menu allows you to select Fall, Spring, or Summer semesters. However, Psychology only accepts students for new enrollments in the Fall semester of each year. If you select something other than Fall, you will have an error returned when you try to complete your application. Please select under “Major Preference”, “Psychology (Doctoral)”. We do not admit students for terminal Master’s degrees. Although students may earn a MA during their time in the program (most elect to do so), we only accept students whose ultimate goal is to complete a PhD in Psychology.

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2. **Statements:** the interface includes separate upload sections for a personal and an academic statement. The Department of Psychology requires ONLY an academic statement of interest. Please complete a single statement and upload it in the “academic statement” upload box. Here is a useful stem for understanding the information we are looking for in these statements. **Please upload a Statement of Purpose/Intent that helps us to understand you better as an applicant. This statement should include discussion of: 1) your research interests; 2) career goals; 3) your prior academic, research, internship, work, and clinical experiences (as relevant) and how they relate to your preparedness for and goals for graduate study; 4) how you have demonstrated leadership in your academic work and in other settings; and 5) any other information about your experiences and perspective that you believe are important for understanding your potential as a graduate student. If there are unusual patterns or discontinuities in your program of courses or your grades, please describe the circumstances if you wish to do so.**

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Do you plan to use veteran’s educational assistance during your time at MSU?

### Personal Statement

Your personal statement should include information about your background and life experiences. Items you might address include but are not limited to leadership experiences, how you might contribute to a diverse educational community, and any obstacles you may have overcome.

Choose File No file chosen

### Academic Statement

Please provide a concise statement of your plans for graduate study, your career goals, how your previous experiences have prepared you for success, and how MSU’s graduate program will help you meet your career and educational objectives.

Choose File No file chosen

### COVID-19

MSU understands that individual, family or community circumstances may have affected your previous academic record or educational experience, and that the

3. You must apply to one of the 6 area interest groups in our department (Behavioral Neuroscience, Cognitive/Cognitive Neuroscience, Clinical Science, Ecological/Community, Social/Personality, Organizational Psychology). **You will indicate which area group in the supplemental section question of the application.**

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### Psychology (Doctoral) Supplemental Questions

Please review the following website for additional information about this academic plan: <https://psychology.msu.edu/graduatestudents/prospectivegrad-students.html>

Please indicate up to three faculty member(s) you are interested in as a potential mentor.

Please indicate your area of interest:

Clinical

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