

## DOCTORAL PROGRAM IN EXPERIMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY

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### INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETION OF GRADUATE APPLICATION

Applications are due by December 31  
Review of Applications begins on January 1

Application for graduate work towards the Ph.D. in Experimental Psychology requires submitting the following information: (1) Application for Admission to Graduate Study in Experimental Psychology form; (2) Graduate School application form; (3) official transcript; (4) official GRE scores report (verbal, quantitative, analytical). In addition, there is an optional minority status form. Each of these components of the application package is explained in turn. Any questions regarding the Doctoral program in Experimental Psychology should be addressed to the Admissions Coordinator at the above address, or by e-mail ([psycapp@comp.uark.edu](mailto:psycapp@comp.uark.edu)), or by telephone at (479) 575-4256.

**Departmental Application Form.** Please answer ALL questions on the form entitled “Application for Admission to Graduate Study in Experimental Psychology.” Be sure to indicate your preference for which faculty members you would like to work with by rank-ordering them as described on the form. Browse the faculty webpages thoroughly before indicating your preferences.

**Graduate School Application Form.** Please answer ALL of the questions on this form as well. It will be forwarded to the Graduate School at a later date. We have requested some of the same information on our departmental application form that is requested on the Graduate School application form, but fill each out completely despite this duplication. If you are an international student, you must enclose an application fee of \$50 in the form of a check made payable to the University of Arkansas. This is University policy. Domestic students will not be charged an application fee as long as the graduate school application form is sent directly to the Psychology Department.

**Transcript.** One official copy of your transcripts for all previous undergraduate and graduate work must be sent directly to the Department of Psychology by the appropriate officials of these institutions. Please do not send transcripts yourself. Personal copies or reproductions of your copies cannot be accepted.

**Letters of Recommendation.** Three letters of recommendation are required. While use of these particular forms is optional, we encourage your recommenders to use them. We require a minimum of three recommendations, but will accept as many as are submitted. Insofar as you can, have references sent by those psychology professors who can best

judge your chances for success in graduate study in psychology. Letters from professors in other fields are helpful, provided they are well-acquainted with your capacity for academic and scientific work and the requirements for successful graduate study in psychology. Recommendations from persons who have not had first-hand experience in graduate study tend not to be very useful.

**Graduate Record Examinations (GRE).** Scores for the General test (Verbal, Quantitative, and Analytical Writing) are an essential part of your application. You are not required to take the Subject Test in Psychology for your application to be considered. You may get information regarding the GRE on the web at <http://www.gre.com>, at your institution, or by writing to: Graduate Record Examination, Educational Testing Service, PO Box 6000, Princeton, NJ 08541-6000. If you prefer, you can telephone the Educational Testing Service at 1-866-473-4373. Please request that your GRE scores be sent to Experimental Psychology (Department Code 2007) at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville (Institution Code 6866). Until your scores are sent by ETS, we will accept the unofficial scores you received on the computer at the time you took the GRE tests.

**Minority Status Reporting Form.** This form is optional, and can be completed by individuals who wish to be considered as members of minority groups. Failure to include this form will not affect the review of your application.

**NOTE:** After your application has been submitted, additional materials (midterm or final grades, additional letters of recommendation, publications, etc.) may become available to you. We will be glad to add these to your file. Send them to Admissions Coordinator, Department of Psychology, Memorial Hall 216, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR, 72701. If any items are missing from your application packet, please notify the Admissions Coordinator at (479) 575-4256, or by e-mail at [psycapp@comp.uark.edu](mailto:psycapp@comp.uark.edu). We suggest that you keep this instruction page and use it as a checklist for items submitted and as a record of the date you sent each item to the University of Arkansas.