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Application Deadline

Our Ph.D. program only accepts applications for the subsequent Fall semester. The deadline for all applicants, domestic & international, is

**December 2, 2025
11:59 PM Eastern Time**

Apply online through the Graduate School website at www.gradapply.umd.edu

Financial Assistance

The Department typically guarantees 5 years of financial support (contingent on satisfactory performance) for all incoming students. Possible types of financial support include fellowships (nominated by the department), teaching assistantships, research assistantships, work on campus, and funded externships/internships.

Contact Information

Prospective students are encouraged to communicate directly with faculty in the area of their interest. Additional information pertaining to the Department of Psychology and its graduate programs can be obtained from the department's website at www.psyc.umd.edu.

For general information on our doctoral program, please contact the Office of PSYC Graduate Studies email at PSYCPhD@umd.edu



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ABOUT OUR DOCTORAL PROGRAM

The Department of Psychology is one of ten programs and departments in the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences (BSOS).

The Department has a strong core of 38 dedicated, nationally and internationally known faculty who have a wide-ranging interests. Students are accepted into one of the following specialty areas (see below).

Each area offers a range of subspecialties and educational opportunities that combine expertise across the areas. The Department's Clinical and Counseling programs are accredited by the American Psychological Association (APA).

Our [Clinical](#) (CLIN) program has been accredited by the APA since 1963, is also accredited by the Psychological Clinical Science Accreditation System (PCSAS), and is a member of the Academy of Psychological Clinical Science. The program emphasizes the integration of research and clinical practice and follows the Clinical Scientist training model. The program prepares clinical psychologists who are well versed in the scientific method of inquiry and skilled in the development and implementation of empirically supported treatments to remediate psychology dysfunction.

Our [Cognitive and Neural Systems \(CNS\)](#) program brings together researchers who study mind, brain and behavior. Some of the commonly used techniques in CNS laboratories include neuroimaging, electrophysiology, and behavioral analysis among others. The CNS Program is affiliated with the campus Neuroscience and Cognitive Sciences Program (NACS). The CNS Program also draws upon and contributes to the resources of the Center for Advanced Study of Language (CASL).

Our [Counseling](#) (COUN) program is Administered collaboratively with the Department of Counseling, Higher Education and Special Education. Our program has been accredited by the APA since 1953. Our faculty members represent a broad range of research interests, including psychotherapy process and outcome research, multicultural psychology, vocational psychology, health psychology and social justice.



COLLEGE OF BEHAVIORAL & SOCIAL SCIENCES

Our [Developmental](#) (DEV) program's research spans various levels of analysis to investigate the emergence of human emotional and cognitive capacities. Our laboratories engage state of the art observational tools, behavioral experimental techniques, and neuroscientific approaches (EEG, fMRI) to investigate developmental pathways. Faculty and students in the program draw on and contribute to a variety of University-wide Communities, including the Field Committee in Developmental Science among others.

Our [Social, Decision and Organizational Science](#) (SDOS) program studies a broad array of individual, group, and organizational phenomena. The goal of our graduate training is to enable students to acquire "multilingual" skills and in-depth expertise in these three sub-disciplines of psychology.

The Clinical, Counseling, and SDOS areas specifically train students within a scientist-practitioner model for professional careers in human services delivery. All of the specialty areas in our program are dedicated to preparing graduate students to conduct and evaluate research, and apply scientific knowledge after graduation.