

Frequently Asked Questions

- 1. Can you send me information about your program and an application packet in the mail?*

We are no longer sending program information and application materials out by mail. All available information about our graduate program and the application process – including all necessary application materials and forms – can be accessed directly from our website – the very one you’re on right now.

- 2. I am interested in applying to your program and was wondering whether it would be convenient for me to make a visit to the campus and possibly meet a graduate student or professor before I send in my application?*

We generally do not make such arrangements, especially in light of the large number of applications we get each year (we have other stuff to do too, you know). However, feel free to email one or more of our faculty members and let them know of your interest or ask them a question if you’d like. Of course, if you are in the area you can certainly stop by and look around the campus, but we will generally not be able to set up appointments for you to meet with students or faculty. If you do apply and are one of those invited to participate in one of our interview days, you will have ample opportunity to meet with faculty and graduate students at that time.

- 3. Do any additional forms need to be submitted in order to be considered for a research or teaching assistantship or for other forms of financial assistance?*

No, there are no such forms. We do not accept students into our program without funding them. Every offer of admission comes with an assistantship or fellowship attached, so applying for admission is all you need to do. If you are invited to come for an interview, we will explain the specific forms of assistantships available to you in more detail during your visit.

- 4. Is it possible to find out which faculty in the clinical psychology graduate program will be accepting students in Fall 2007?*

The exact distribution changes from year to year, but most faculty members will plan to accept at least one student each year. Furthermore, each faculty member’s situation can change somewhat as we go through the process. If you are generally interested in our program, we encourage you to go ahead and apply. If your interest is very specific to one or two faculty members, the best thing to do is contact faculty with whom you might be interested in working, and ask them directly how many students they hope to accept for next year.

- 5. Does Temple’s clinical program have a child clinical track or specialization?*

We do not offer a child track per se. However, in recognition of the department's strengths in both the child clinical and developmental areas, as well as the growing interest in this field, we do offer something we call a developmental psychopathology emphasis. It is not a formal program, and as such there are no specific requirements. It is rather a list of recommended courses for students in either the clinical or developmental programs wishing to emphasize this aspect of their training. More specific information can be found on our website: <http://www.temple.edu/psychology/DPE/index.html> .

6. *Do you require the GRE Advanced (i.e., Psychology) test?*

We do not require it. However, if you are applying to our program and have little background in psychology, we do encourage you take it because we find it useful under those circumstances to know how familiar you are with basic concepts in psychology. If you do have a background in psychology and have submitted a score on the advanced test, we will consider your score as part of the overall application package.

7. *The Psychology Department website says that I should have my GRE's sent directly to myself rather than to Temple, and that I should include them in the application packet that is due by December 15. I'm afraid that my GRE scores won't arrive in time for me to get my application to you by the deadline. What should I do?*

Until recently, the departmental website erroneously directed applicants to have their GRE scores sent directly to themselves, and then to forward them to us in the application packet. We have learned since that ETS will not send official copies of scores directly to applicants, and we have revised these instructions accordingly. Please have ETS send all of your GRE scores (including the Psychology subject test, if you choose to take it) electronically directly to the Psychology Department, not to you. It might also be helpful (but not required) for you to include a photocopy of your scores in the packet of materials that you send to us.

8. *How many applications do you get each year?*

It varies from year to year. We received 375 applications last year; 355 the year before. The numbers were lower in the previous few years.

9. *How many students do you accept?*

That number varies from year to year as well, but generally lies somewhere between 10 and 12. We have not yet determined the exact number of students we can accept for the 2007-2008 incoming class, but we anticipate it being in that range.

10. How can I check on the status of my application?

Once your application is received by the University, you will receive a PIN through the mail, which you can use to track the receipt of your credentials and references via OWLnet®, Temple's student information website. You will need your ID number and

PIN in order to log on to the system. Received materials will be reflected on OWLnet, but this generally takes a few days, so please be patient.

11. What is the process once my application packet is complete?

Once applications arrive, they are processed by the department and checked for completion. Completed applications for the clinical program are then reviewed by the Clinical Admissions Committee and members of the clinical faculty. Each faculty member who reviews the application gives it a rating based on merit and potential fit to the program. Based on those ratings, we will select approximately 60 applicants to invite for on-campus interviews. We hope to begin extending those invitations in early-to-mid-January. We hold all of our admissions interviews over a two-day period. This year our interview dates are scheduled for Friday, February 2 and Monday, February 5. If you have not heard from us by January 20, 2006, please feel free to email Dr. Robert Fauber at rfauber@temple.edu to check on your status.

12. If I am unable to make it to Philadelphia for either of your interview days, can I do a phone interview instead? How would this affect my chances of admission?

We do not encourage or conduct phone interviews on a routine basis. If you are invited for an interview and are seriously interested in our program, we would urge you to make every effort to be here for one of our interview days. However, we do recognize that sometimes it just isn't possible for a candidate to arrange travel to Philadelphia for either of our dates, especially given the short time frame within which we must work. If you absolutely cannot make it, we will try to arrange for you to speak with one or two faculty members and graduate student over the phone. We cannot make a blanket statement about how this would affect your chances of admission, because each case is unique. However, it is certainly in your best interest to make every effort to interview in person.

13. Will I be notified if I am not going to be invited for an interview?

All final decisions about acceptance or non-acceptance are made and communicated by the Graduate School. Once we have selected the applicants to whom we are offering interviews, all other applicant files are sent to the Graduate School, which in turn will notify those applicants that they will not be receiving

offers of admission. This process can take anywhere from one to several weeks. However, if you have not heard from us by January 20, 2007, please feel free to email Dr. Robert Fauber at rfauber@temple.edu to check on your status. We should be able to tell you at that time whether or not you will be invited for an interview.