

BIOGRAPHICAL STATEMENT

Please prepare approximately 2-3 pages of typewritten, double-spaced autobiographical material which will be considered confidential. Indicate the source of your interest in psychology and the reasons why you wish to pursue graduate studies in your chosen area of specialization. If you have had practical experience (work or volunteer) in psychology, please describe it. If you have been in another area of academic study or employment, discuss your change. (Please be aware that the review committees may contain graduate student representatives.)

When and how was your attention directed to our graduate program? Indicate how the specific features of our training program would facilitate your professional goals. Please review the descriptions of our faculty's research interests and state which faculty member(s) you would like to do your research with. Please explain why the faculty's research interests represent a match with your own training goals and your career plans.

Choice of faculty mentor. Please type the name(s) of your proposed mentor(s) on a separate line at the end of your essay so as to facilitate screening. Mentors are typically faculty in the student's program, but our program allows cross-program mentors. So, for example, clinical child applicants may list a faculty mentor that is not a member of the clinical child faculty. If there is one person you are primarily interested in, name one; if there are two who you are interested in, name two. There is no advantage to naming just one person or naming two people. What is important is the rationale for your choice.