

APPLICATION INFORMATION

Q. HOW DO I APPLY TO THE PROGRAM?

A. Application is made directly to the university. Applications can be obtained by calling the graduate school office at 410-704-2501 or can be printed off or completed online on the Graduate Admissions website. All materials (transcripts, application*, application fee, GRE scores**, letters of recommendation, letter of intent, and resumes) must be sent directly to the graduate school office. Once processed, they will be forwarded to the School Psychology office. The program faculty will review all of the applications and decide which candidates will be interviewed for possible admission. All students will receive notification of a decision in the Spring, either in writing from the graduate school or from the School Psychology office. Students are admitted into the program in the Fall semester only, and applications must be received in the graduate school office by January 15th in order to be considered for the following Fall.

Q. WHAT ADDRESS DO I MAIL MY APPLICATION MATERIALS TO?

A. Please send ALL application materials (transcripts, application*, application fee, GRE scores**, letters of recommendation, letter of intent, and resumes) to:

Graduate School Towson University
8000 York Road
Towson, MD 21252

*If you do the application online, you do not have to send a paper copy

**Your GRE scores must be sent from ETS (the testing service that does the GREs). Student copies of scores are not accepted.

Q. I APPLIED TO THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY PROGRAM. WHEN WILL I HEAR IF I HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED?

A. We review applications immediately after the deadline on January 15th. By the end of February, we invite 30-40 (of about 100) applicants to campus for a group and individual interview. Those interviews are typically scheduled during late February or March. Our final decision is made around the beginning of April. We ultimately admit 14-16 students to the program each year.

Q. I'M NOT SURE WHETHER MY APPLICATION WILL BE COMPETITIVE. WHAT DOES THE AVERAGE" APPLICATION PROFILE LOOK LIKE?

A. The "average" scores of the incoming Fall 2017 class were as follows: Verbal GRE: 153, Analytic Writing GRE: 4.25, and GPA: 3.60.

Q. WHAT ARE THE MINIMUM GPA AND GRE SCORE REQUIREMENTS?

A. Based on GRE's taken after August 1, 2011, we require a 146 Verbal GRE score, a 4.0 on the Analytical Writing section, and a minimum GPA of 3.0. An applicant with scores slightly lower may be considered for an interview if the applicant has significant strengths in other areas.

Q. WHAT CAN I DO IF MY GPA IS LOWER THAN 3.0?

A. If your GPA is lower than 3.0, retake undergraduate classes or take graduate level classes to boost your GPA.

Q. WHAT IS THE TIMELINE FOR THE INTERVIEW PROCESS?

A. After reviewing all applications after the January 15th deadline, we extend offers for interviews to an initial group of applicants. Those interviews are held in middle to late March. At times we hold additional interviews in late April if we still have spots left in the program. For that reason, you may not receive a final notification of your status until middle to late April. Once the program is filled (typically by April 15) the Graduate School sends emails to those who were not interviewed with the final decision.

Q. WHO SHOULD WRITE MY LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATIONS?

A. We prefer that at least one of your references be from a professor. Other qualified persons may include academic advisors, job supervisors, or thesis advisors. Letters from family friends or from individuals who know you personally but not professionally carry significantly less weight in the review process.