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UNIVERSITY

School of
Behavioral Health

Department of Psychology

Personal Statement

You are required to submit a personal statement up to 1000 words in length (approximately 2 pages, single spaced, using 1-inch margins and 12-point font).

Before starting the essay include the two bullet points below. These will not be included in the word count length.

- Using keywords or in one sentence, briefly indicate your area of interest.
- Which [psychology faculty](#) would you like to work with? If more than one, please rank in order of interest.
 - 1)
 - 2)
 - 3)

Start of essay:

- 1) State your purpose in applying for graduate study.
- 2) Describe how your background, accomplishments, and life experiences led to your decision to pursue the graduate degree for which you are applying. Include any educational, personal, cultural, economic, or social experiences, challenges or opportunities that are relevant to, or which prepared you for, graduate study in psychology.
- 3) Please expand upon your desired area(s) of interest and the faculty you would like to work with. If known at this point, include any of our department [Specializations](#) that are of interest to you (i.e., Child and Adolescent Clinical Psychology, Clinical Neuropsychology, Health Psychology and Integrated Care, Clinical Generalist).
- 4) Please describe any aspects of your personal background, accomplishments, or achievements that will allow the department to evaluate your potential contributions to the University's diversity mission. Contributions to diversity and equal opportunity can take a variety of forms, such as efforts to advance equitable access to education, public service that addresses the need of a diverse population, or research that explores inequalities.
- 5) To the extent you have defined them at this point, please describe your career goals and aspirations.