

**Loma Linda University**  
**School of Behavioral Health**  
**Department of Psychology**  
*Fully Accredited by the American Psychological Association*

## Frequently Asked Questions

**Q. If my UG GPA is less than 3.0 *and/or* I do not meet the minimum requirements on the General GRE, will my application still be reviewed?**

**A.** *Any exceptions to the established GPA and GRE minimum criteria or any other admissions criteria, are made at faculty discretion and grounded on faculty's overall assessment of the applicant and his/her credentials (e.g., demonstrated record of scholarship and/or specialized research training, strength of the applicant's prior academic training /institution, strength of applicant's letters of recommendation, and previous clinical experience.*

**Q. Are scholarships *and/or* funding available?**

**A.** *Though funding is limited and competitive, the Department provides some potential options for funding, including research/teaching assistantships, undergraduate teaching positions, partial tuition awards, funding for clinical service delivery, clinical administrative and other department positions. (See separate funding attachment "Student Funding" for more detailed information)*

**Q. Who should I contact regarding all my questions regarding application in the Department of Psychology, including scheduling a meeting, campus tour and receiving more detailed information?**

**A.** *Shari Lane, Admissions and Records Coordinator - 11130 Anderson Street #106  
Loma Linda, CA 92354 (909)558-8577 - [sLane@llu.edu](mailto:sLane@llu.edu) Office Hours by appointment.*

**Q. Are a personal statement/statement of purpose, *and/or* curriculum vitae (CV) required?**

**A.** *These documents are optional, however, welcomed. Length and format are up to the applicant. Double space. Make sure your full name, DOB and application ID# are on the documents. Email to: [admissions.sbh@llu.edu](mailto:admissions.sbh@llu.edu) The online value essay questions are required and are separate from a personal statement and/or curriculum vitae. Do not get bogged down with the value essay questions. Answer to the best of your ability and move forward with the application!*

**Q. Can you tell me what documents have arrived and update me on my online application status?**

**A.** *You must complete your online application and pay the application fee in order for your application to be uploaded on the ACP Admissions Committee Portal. Once it is uploaded you will be able to check your status by logging in with the User ID and Password you set up to start your application. Please remember, unless your application appears on the ACP, we cannot view or assist with your application.*

**Q. Letters of Recommendation (electronic forms vs. hard copy LOR's)**

**A.** *Once your online application uploads to the Admissions Committee Portal (ACP), the electronic forms will be sent electronically to the email address you provided for your recommenders on your application. This usually occurs approximately 48 hours after the application appears on the ACP. If your recommender prefers to provide a hard copy letter of recommendation, he/she may email to [admissions.sbh@llu.edu](mailto:admissions.sbh@llu.edu). The LOR will be uploaded to your online application. Please be sure your recommender adds your full name, DOB and your application ID# to the document so we can match it to your application. Either the electronic form or hard copy LOR are acceptable. **Electronic form is preferable.***

**Q. What if LLUSBH does not receive all my documents and my application file is not ready for Admissions Committee consideration by December 31 deadline?**

**A.** *The window of opportunity will not close on December 31! We begin reviewing application files, that meet minimum criteria or higher, and offer interview invitations for mid-February. December 31 is our initial deadline and we continue to consider applicants until all positions are filled.*

**Q How many students do you accept per year?**

**A.** *We accept approximately 25 Ph.D. and Psy.D. graduate students (both programs combined) per year. (Maximum of 10 Ph.D. and Maximum of 15 Psy.D.)*

**Q. Following interview and recommendation for a position, how long do I have to wait to receive my acceptance?**

**A.** *Recommendations are submitted to the School of Behavioral Health Dean's Office within a couple of days following interview. The School of Behavioral Health Dean will make the final decision on our recommendations for acceptance. Within 7-10 days, an electronic email acceptance will be sent to you, with instructions to confirm with a deposit to hold your position. **All requirements MUST be on file before a final acceptance will be offered.***

**Q. Does the Department of Psychology offer an application fee waiver?**

**A.** *An application fee waiver is considered on a case by case basis only after an applicant has been accepted and paid their fee to enter the program. If approved, the fee will be credited to the student account.*

**Q. If I am applying with a Master's degree, can I waive the GRE?**

**A.** *The GRE General Exam is REQUIRED. There is no waiver for the General GRE and there are no exceptions. The GRE Psychology Subject Exam IS NOT required and will not enhance your chances of being accepted.*

**Q. Will applying with an M.A. help my chances of being accepted?**

**A.** *A master's degree is **not** required to apply. We admit applicants coming from both Bachelors and Masters programs. An M.A. in Psychology will be awarded while you are pursuing your doctoral degree, at approximately the end of your second year in the program (coursework only).*

**Q. May I apply to both programs, and will that help my chances of being accepted?**

**A.** *Apply only to the one clinical psychology program that best suits your career goals. If, in the course of the application process, it becomes apparent that you are better suited for the clinical program for which you did not apply, we can make that consideration without an additional application or fee. Contact Shari Lane for clarification pertaining to the difference in programs, as needed.*

**Q. If I apply with an M.A. in Psychology will any of my courses transfer?**

**A.** *See "Transfer of MA Units" policy attachment. Once recommended, accepted and confirmed, you may work with Shari Lane to submit an Academic Variance form to the Student Affairs Committee. The student must provide a copy of the final transcript and syllabus for each course submitted for consideration. Highlight course and grade received. The coordination of these details begins during the Summer Quarter, prior to the beginning of Fall quarter.*