

ASU Department of Psychology

Checklist for Fall 2025 PhD Applicants

Quick Overview

The ASU Department of Psychology requires two applications to consider an applicant for admission to the psychology doctoral programs:

1. ASU graduate school application; and
2. A department application through a system called SlideRoom

Each application has its own fee. The SlideRoom fee is \$10; the ASU application fee is either \$115 (international) or \$70 (non-international).

The SlideRoom application requires more documents than the ASU application. Faculty review the SlideRoom applications only. However, to be admitted to the university, applicants must also submit an ASU application. Therefore, both applications are required.

The ASU application is tied to [MyASU](#), an online portal where applicants and students can log into and see various things about their application, program, etc. MyASU may list an application as being complete and in review but if the SlideRoom application is missing or incomplete, then the application is not in review despite messaging on MyASU. The SlideRoom application is not tied to MyASU. After submitting the ASU application, the system automatically sends emails to students about their ASU ID, application ID, and how to activate their MyASU account.

Our department has six different psychology training areas. When filling out the ASU application, choose the major listed below based on training area of interest (note 5 areas use the same major).

Training Area	Select this “Major” on the ASU Application:
Behavioral Neuroscience & Comparative Psychology	PhD Psychology (Note: PhD Neuroscience is not our program)
Clinical Psychology	PhD Psychology (Note: PhD Counseling Psychology is not our program)
Cognitive Science	PhD Psychology
Developmental Psychology	PhD Psychology
Social Psychology	PhD Psychology
Quantitative Research Methods	PhD Psychology (Quantitative Research Methods)

Each training area has its own SlideRoom application, listed by the training area title.

Each training area may vary on what it requires from applicants, so read the details carefully and ask questions if anything is unclear. The easiest way to reach us is by email at PsychGrad@asu.edu.

Application Deadlines

The ASU application opens September 1st annually for all programs. Do not start this application before September 1st to avoid issues. This application is open year-round. Please submit it at least a week prior to your training area’s deadline (see details below).

The SlideRoom applications open around September 1st each year. The deadline varies by training area. **Once the deadline passes, the link to the SlideRoom application is no longer available.**

Applicants who start the SlideRoom application by the deadline will have 3 days (a grace period) after the listed deadline to submit their SlideRoom application. References have 7 days (a grace period) after the listed deadline to submit their recommendation letters. **We recommend submitting the SlideRoom application 2 to 4 weeks prior to the deadline.**

December 1, 2024 is the deadline for:

- Behavioral Neuroscience and Comparative Psychology
- Clinical Psychology

December 5, 2024 is the deadline for:

- Cognitive Science
- Quantitative Research Methods
- Social Psychology
- Developmental Psychology

Required Application Materials

Department Application (SlideRoom):

- SlideRoom application and fee**
URL: <https://asupsych.slideroom.com/#/Login>
- Unofficial transcripts** (one from each college or university attended; upload in PDF format)
- Official transcripts are required if you are admitted into the program.
- GRE General score report** (see details by training area below to see if the exam is required)

Training Area	Is the GRE Required for fall 2024 applicants?
Behavioral Neuroscience & Comparative Psychology	Optional
Clinical Psychology	Not required (but can be used as a supplemental item)
Cognitive Psychology	Not required
Developmental Psychology	Not required (but can be used as a supplemental item)
Social Psychology	Optional
Quantitative Research Methods	Optional

- Statement of Purpose form**
Each training area has its own form. Download it from our website, type your responses into the form, and upload into your SlideRoom application in PDF format
<https://psychology.asu.edu/admissions/doctoral-admissions/requirements>

- Curriculum Vitae (CV) or resume** (upload in PDF format into your SlideRoom application)
- Three letters of recommendation**
Applicants can list up to five references (names and email addresses) in their application but only three letters are needed to fulfill this requirement.
- English Proficiency** (not required for all applicants)
Review requirements on the Admission Services website:
<https://admission.asu.edu/international/graduate/english-proficiency>
Direct questions about this item to Admission Services at GoGrad@asu.edu.
- Cover Letter** (for **Developmental Psychology applicants only**, optional)
<https://psychology.asu.edu/admissions/doctoral-admissions/requirements>
Download the Cover Letter form from our website, read the prompt (within the document) and decide if you want to submit this item. If so, add your name to the document, type your content after “cover letter” in the form, and save as a PDF. Upload into your SlideRoom application.
- Supplemental Items** (for **Clinical and Developmental Psychology applicants only**, optional)

Clinical Psychology Applicants

The Clinical Psychology area uses a holistic review of each application. We are looking for information that conveys student preparedness and readiness to do doctoral level work in clinical psychology, and any indicators that would suggest ability to flourish in a research-oriented program with an emphasis in quantitative skills. Applications are reviewed considering the following factors in aggregate, without any formula or distribution of weight to determine whether an applicant is offered an interview:

1. Research experience (e.g., quality and duration of research experience, etc.),
2. Recommendation Letters,
3. Personal Statement (e.g., well-written, defined research interests, defined career objectives, etc.), and
4. Quantitative Measures of academic success (e.g., honors and awards, GPA, achievement in psychology-related coursework, etc.).

Thus, we invite students to submit any materials that will help demonstrate their aptitude and skills. Examples of supplemental materials that can be submitted but are NOT REQUIRED are:

- published papers,
- senior honors theses,
- posters presented at conferences,
- GRE Psychology Subject Test or GRE General scores, or
- video-recorded presentations of research (please submit a YouTube link not the actual recording), etc.

Developmental Psychology Applicants

In the Developmental Area, we evaluate all forms of information in an application (without formula or weighting) and use a holistic approach. In addition to the CV, personal statement, letters of recommendation, and transcripts that are required, we encourage applicants to submit **supplemental materials** that demonstrate their preparation and readiness to succeed in a research-focused graduate program.

Supplemental materials that are accepted include any of the following:

- 1) GRE scores,
- 2) writing sample (published papers, senior honors theses, paper from research-focused course work),
- 3) presentation sample (poster or YouTube link to a recorded presentation),
- 4) quantitative measures of academic success (honors or awards)

University Application (ASU Graduate Admission Services):

- ASU graduate school application and fee**
URL: <https://webapp4.asu.edu/dgsadmissions/Index.jsp>

- Unofficial transcripts** (bachelor's degree only)
ASU needs to confirm you have a bachelor's degree or will be completing one soon. The file size is small and may require merging multiple transcripts into one file.

If attending ASU currently, it is unnecessary to upload an unofficial ASU transcript into the ASU application (but we do want this uploaded into the SlideRoom application).

It is unnecessary to upload graduate transcripts into the ASU application unless the bachelor's was from a 3-year program, in which case a 1-year or 2-year master's is also required for the degree to be equivalent to a 4-year US bachelor's degree).

Once the ASU application is submitted, changes cannot be made. If the application is submitted without unofficial transcripts attached and the department later wants to admit, then the applicant will have to send official transcripts to ASU and wait for them to be processed before the department can submit the admission recommendation. If the unofficial bachelor's transcript is attached to the ASU application, then applicants do not have to send (and pay for) official transcripts unless they are admitted and choose to attend ASU.

Frequently Asked Questions

Please visit our PhD Applicant FAQs page to learn more.

URL: <https://psychology.asu.edu/content/faqs-doctoral-admission>

If a question is not answered by this page, please write to PsychGrad@asu.edu with specific questions and include the training area of interest (e.g., Clinical Psychology).