ASU Department of Psychology

<u>Checklist for Fall 2021 Applicants</u>

<u>Application Deadlines</u>
The ASU Graduate Admissions application will be available starting **September 1, 2020.**
The department SlideRoom application will be available soon (our goal is September 15). Recent changes to application requirements in light of COVID-19 has caused delays. We are currently updating materials.

December 1, 2020 is the deadline for our 1) **Clinical** and 2) **Behavioral Neuroscience and Comparative Psychology** programs.

December 5, 2020 is the deadline for our 1) **Cognitive Science**, 2) **Developmental**, 3) **Quantitative Research Methods**, and 4) **Social Psychology** programs.

<u>Two Applications Required</u>
Applicants must submit two applications to be considered for admission:

1. The ASU Graduate Admissions application, and
2. The department SlideRoom application

<u>Required Application Materials</u>

Department Requirements:
READ CAREFULLY AS REQUIREMENTS MAY DIFFER BETWEEN EACH OF OUR TRAINING AREAS

1. **SlideRoom application**
   URL: https://asupsych.slideroom.com/#/Login (available soon, around September 15, 2020)

2. **GRE scores** (see bullet points below for more details)
   - **REQUIRED:** Quantitative Research Methods; Social Psychology; Cognitive Science
   - **OPTIONAL:** Behavioral Neuroscience and Comparative Psychology
   - **NOT REQUIRED (and not accepted):** Clinical; Developmental

   Visit Educational Testing Services website for information related to testing and COVID-19 if you plan to apply to a training area requiring the GRE this year.
   URL: https://www.ets.org/s/cv/important-update/

3. *Statement of Purpose* **form***
   Note: each area has their own version of this document this year. The name of the area and specific instructions are at the top of the Word document. Please verify you have downloaded the correct area's form before filling it out or submitting in your SlideRoom application. The forms are on our website: https://psychology.asu.edu/admissions/doctoral-admissions/requirements

4. **Cover Letter (optional) – Developmental applicants only**
   Note: this is for applicants to the Developmental Psychology program only. The form is on our website: https://psychology.asu.edu/admissions/doctoral-admissions/requirements

5. **Updated curriculum vita or resume**
   Your CV should convey information about your background experience, including psychology and non-psychology work experience and activities. Please include <u>anticipated graduation date</u> if currently pursuing a degree. Example: *BS in Psychology, Arizona State University (May 2021)*

6. **Unofficial transcripts** from each college or university attended

7. **Three letters of recommendation**
   Applicants will be asked to provide <u>names and email addresses</u> of 3-5 references. References will upload their letter into the SlideRoom system directly. If they have technical issues, they can contact our department staff at psychgrad@asu.edu.

8. **Official English proficiency scores** (if applicable)
   Visit the ASU Graduate Admissions' page for questions related to who needs to do this and how to fulfill the requirement.
   URL: https://admission.asu.edu/international/graduate/english-proficiency

*Download forms from our website.
 URL: https://psychology.asu.edu/admissions/doctoral-admissions/requirements

Please see the Frequently Asked Questions section below.
SlideRoom application questions: contact the department at psychgrad@asu.edu or (480) 965-7598.

University Requirements:

1. **ASU Graduate Admissions application**
   URL: https://webapp4.asu.edu/dgsadmissions/Index.jsp
   Applicants can select "Fall 2021" starting September 1st. Applicants who started the application before September 1st should verify they chose the correct application term before submitting and paying the fee.

2. **Unofficial transcripts** (for the bachelor's degree)
   The university application lists this as "optional" but not attaching transcripts may cause issues later. The system may only allow one document with a limited file size. The university is looking to make sure a student has an earned (or will complete soon) a bachelor's equivalent to a US bachelor's. For applicants that attended several institutions, please submit the transcript that relates to when the bachelor's degree was awarded (or most recent transcript if the degree is still in progress). Applicants may also send official transcripts to ASU Graduate Admission Services if preferred. For more information, visit https://admission.asu.edu/transcripts.

Please see the Frequently Asked Questions section below.
University application questions: contact ASU Graduate Admission Services at GoGrad@asu.edu or (480) 965-6113.

<u>Frequently Asked Questions</u>

Several FAQs are on our website at https://psychology.asu.edu/content/faqs-doctoral-admission.
Questions not addressed on our website are listed below.

1. **Official transcripts or unofficial?**
   <u>SlideRoom</u> application: unofficial from all colleges or universities attended.

   <u>ASU application</u>: upload unofficial to the application or send official ones to Admission Services
   URL: https://admission.asu.edu/transcripts. If a transcript is not uploaded before the application is
   submitted, then the department cannot admit an application until an official transcript has been
   received. By uploading an unofficial transcript (that shows evidence of a bachelor's completed or
   near completion), the department can admit or deny the application. If admitted, the applicant
   would then be required to submit an official transcript before the new school year begins only if
   they choose to attend ASU.

2. **I attended ASU. Do I need to request transcripts?**
   ASU has transcripts on file; therefore, those do not need to be uploaded or sent to ASU.

3. **Why two applications?**
   The university application system has several issues. For example, the transcript upload allows only
   one file with limited size. The system crashes a lot during the height of admissions season,
   preventing faculty from accessing the applications.
   Therefore, the department uses SlideRoom, a very user-friendly, reliable application system to
   collect the pertinent application materials.

   The university still requires the ASU Graduate Admission application for anyone to be considered
   for official admission to the university. Therefore, we require two applications.

4. **What if I only submit the SlideRoom application?**
   The department will consider all complete SlideRoom applications. However, any admission offer
   sent to an applicant who has not completed an ASU Graduate Admission application may have their
   offer rescinded if the applicant doesn't submit the ASU application.

5. **What if I only submit the ASU Graduate Admission application?**
   The department will not be able to consider your application since all the required materials
   (transcripts, CV, and other documents) are uploaded into SlideRoom and faculty review this
   application only (not the ASU application). Neglecting to complete the SlideRoom application will
   result in a denied application decision.

6. **Who can I contact if I have issues with the applications?**
   SlideRoom Tech Support
   https://www.slideroom.com/contact/ (web form)

   ASU Psychology Department
   psychgrad@asu.edu or (480) 965-7598

   ASU Graduate Admission Services
   GoGrad@asu.edu or (480) 965-6113

7. **When do you send my references the letter request?**
   As soon as you list your references' information in the SlideRoom application, an automated email goes to the reference by the system (not by the department). The applicant does not need to submit the application in order for the email to go to their references. Applicants can monitor the status of their letters before they submit their application. References can still submit their letters after the applicant submits the application.

8. **My reference is having issues with uploading their letter.**
   Ask them to send their letter to the department at psychgrad@asu.edu. It's extremely helpful if the reference lists the applicant's name, the applicant's area of interest, and indicates the attachment is a letter that couldn't be uploaded to the application system. For example, "I'm having issues uploading my recommendation letter for Mary Davis, an applicant for your Clinical Psychology program. I've attached the letter here."

   Department staff will verify the email and attached letter are from the same person and that the name and email address match what is listed on the specific applicant's application. If it matches, the letter will be added to the applicant's file.

9. **Did you get my official GRE or English Proficiency test scores yet?**
   These are collected at the university level, not the department level. Please contact Graduate Admission Services at GoGrad@asu.edu or (480) 965-6113. The applicant can log into My ASU to see the status of the English Proficiency requirement (if something is still required or not).

10. **Do I have to take the GRE? What if I have a high GPA? What if I graduated from ASU? What if I graduated within the last two years? What if I was valedictorian of my class? What if I have a master's degree and took the test a long time ago? I've been out of school for a long time.**
    Please see the "Department Requirements" section for details on which of our training areas are requiring the GRE for fall 2021.

11. **I can't take the GRE or English Proficiency exams because of shutdowns due to COVID-19. Are the exams waived for me?**
    Please see the "Department Requirements" section for details on which of our training areas are requiring the GRE for fall 2021.

    Please check the Education Testing Services website for information on testing and COVID-19, which can be done in the test taker's home in most cases.
    URL: https://www.ets.org/s/cv/important-update/

    Please check the ASU English Proficiency web page about alternatives to the TOEFL and IELTS exams to fulfill this requirement.
    URL: https://admission.asu.edu/international/graduate/english-proficiency

12. **Can I get the application fees waived?**
    ASU allows a fee waiver for McNair Scholars. Please work with Graduate Admission Services *first* to see if you qualify for a fee waiver for the ASU application. If so, they will provide guidance on what you need to submit to them. Once they have waived the ASU application fee, send documentation of that waiver to the department at psychgrad@asu.edu and include which training area you are applying to (example: Clinical). Department staff will then waive your SlideRoom application fee

before you submit the application. It is much easier and faster for us to waive the SlideRoom fee before you apply than to send you a reimbursement check later.

If Graduate Admission Services determines you do not qualify for the ASU application fee waiver they you will need to pay the full application fees.