

ASU Department of Psychology

Checklist for Fall 2021 Applicants

Application Deadlines

Both applications will be available starting **September 1, 2020**.

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.

Two Applications Required

Applicants must submit two applications to be considered for admission:

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

Required Application Materials

Department Requirements:

1. **SlideRoom application**
URL: <https://asupsych.slideroom.com/#/Login> (available starting September 1, 2020)
2. **Statement of Purpose form***
3. **Applicant Response form***
4. **Updated curriculum vita or resume** (please include anticipated graduation date if currently pursuing a degree)
5. **Unofficial transcripts** from each college or university attended
6. **Three letters of recommendation**
Applicants will be asked to provide names and email addresses of 3-5 references. References will upload their letter into the system directly.
7. **Official GRE scores**
Visit Educational Testing Services website for information related to testing and COVID-19.
URL: <https://www.ets.org/s/cv/important-update/>
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 in PDF or Word format.

URL: <https://psychology.asu.edu/admissions/doctorsal-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 should **wait until September 1, 2020** to start this application, as that is when “Fall 2021” can be selected. Starting the application early will not allow applicants to choose the correct application term. If an applicant starts the application early and forgets to change the application from Fall 2020 to Fall 2021 before submitting the application, then the department cannot guarantee the file will be reviewed, which may result in the applicant needing to submit a new application and fee for the correct term.

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 degree was awarded (or most recent transcript if the degree is still in progress). Applicants may also send official transcripts to ASU if preferred.

Please see the Frequently Asked Questions section below.

University application questions: contact ASU Graduate Admission Services at GoGrad@asu.edu or (480) 965-6113.

Frequently Asked Questions

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?

SlideRoom application: unofficial from all colleges or universities attended.

ASU application: upload unofficial to the application or send official ones to Admissions

URL: <https://admission.asu.edu/transcripts>. If a transcript is not uploaded before the application is submitted, then the department can only deny the 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 make 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 Admissions 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 Admissions application may have their offer rescinded. Also, the SlideRoom application contains questions that can only be answered (honestly) by first completing the ASU Graduate Admissions application. An applicant could make up the answers to these questions to continue with the application but that may be considered a purposely-falsified application.

5. What if I only submit the ASU Graduate Admissions application?

The department will not be able to consider your application since the letters of recommendation, all transcripts, CV/resume, statement of purpose, applicant response form, and test scores are uploaded into SlideRoom. 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
(480) 965-7598

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

7. When do you send my references the letter request?

As soon as the applicant lists their 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.

The department requires current GRE scores from every applicant no matter their educational background, grade point average, previous universities, etc. Scores are valid for five years.

The department recommends taking the GRE General exam instead of the GRE Psychology test. If applying to the Clinical program, either is acceptable.

11. I can't take the GRE or English Proficiency exams because of shutdowns due to COVID-19. Are the exams waived for me?

The GRE is still required of all applicants. Please check the Education Testing Services website for information on testing and COVID-19.

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 gives application waivers to specific groups, such as McNair Scholars. Work with Graduate Admission Services *first* about the fee waiver for the ASU application. Send a copy of the paperwork (including confirmation of the university application fee waiver) to the department and your SlideRoom application fee will be waived before you submit the department application.

If Graduate Admission Services does not waive the university application fee, then the department will not waive the department application fee.