

## Instructions for Completion of Graduate Application: Doctoral Program in Experimental Psychology

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Review of applications will begin on December 1, 2017. We anticipate that interviews (for those invited for on-campus interviews) for the Experimental Psychology Program will be held in late January, 2018.

Application for graduate work towards the Ph.D. in Experimental Psychology requires the following:

- Submission of the Application for Admission to Graduate Study in Experimental Psychology form (including personal statement and curriculum vita [CV]) to [etcgrad@uark.edu](mailto:etcgrad@uark.edu) (see #1 below)
- Completion of the Graduate School application form online at <https://application.uark.edu> (including email addresses for your letter of recommendation writers) (see #2 below)
- Submission of transcript(s) to the Graduate School (see #3 below)
- Three (3) letters of recommendation uploaded to the Graduate School's online portal (see #4 below)
- Official GRE scores report (verbal, quantitative, and analytical writing) (see #5 below)

Each component of the application is explained in turn. Questions regarding the Doctoral program in Experimental Psychology should be addressed to the Admissions Coordinator by email ([etcgrad@uark.edu](mailto:etcgrad@uark.edu)) or by phone at 479.575.4256.

1. **Departmental Application Form.** Please answer ALL questions on the following form (entitled, "Application for the Admission to Graduate Study in Experimental Psychology"). Be sure to indicate your preference for which faculty members you would like to work with by rank-ordering them as described on the form. Browse the [faculty webpages](#) thoroughly before indicating your preferences. This form may be submitted by email, along with a personal statement and CV, to [etcgrad@uark.edu](mailto:etcgrad@uark.edu).
2. **Graduate School Application Form.** Please visit the following website (<https://application.uark.edu/>) and complete the entire application. You can then submit that form online. We have requested some of the same information on our departmental application form that is requested on the Graduate School application form, but fill each out completely despite this duplication. Applicants must pay an application fee of \$60. This is University of Arkansas policy.
3. **Transcript.** For evaluation purposes, you may submit an unofficial copy of your transcript(s) from the university where you received or will receive your first bachelor's degree. Instructions for uploading your transcript(s) will be sent to you when your application is processed. If admitted, you will be required to submit official transcripts with degree confirmation.
4. **Letters of Recommendation.** Three letters of recommendation are required. We require a minimum of three recommendations, but will accept as many as are submitted. Insofar as you can, have references sent by psychology professors who can best judge your chances for success in a graduate program in psychology. Letters from professors in other fields are helpful, provided they are well-acquainted with your capacity for academic and scientific work and the requirements for successful graduate study in psychology. Recommendations from persons who have not had firsthand experience in graduate study tend to be less useful. Ask writers to follow instructions in the automated email supplied after you provide their email address to online application site.
5. **Graduate Record Examinations (GRE).** Scores for the General test (Verbal, Quantitative, and Analytical Writing) are an essential part of your application. You are not required to take the Subject Test in Psychology for your application to be considered. You may get information regarding the GRE on the web at <http://www.ets.org/gre/>, at your institution, or by writing to: GRE-ETS P.O. Box 6000, Princeton, NJ, 08541-6000 USA. If you prefer, you can call Educational Testing Service at 1.866.473.4373. Please request that your GRE scores be sent to Experimental Psychology (Department Code 2007) at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville (Institution Code 6866). Until your scores are sent by ETS, we will accept the unofficial scores you received on the computer at the time you took the GRE tests.

**Supplementary Materials.** You may also wish to attach relevant supplementary materials with your application (e.g., honors thesis, reprints of publications). Supplementary materials are not required, but feel free to attach them to your application e-mail.

**NOTE:** After your application has been submitted, additional materials (final grades, additional letters of recommendations, publications, etc.) may become available to you. We will be glad to add these to your file. Email them to [etcgrad@uark.edu](mailto:etcgrad@uark.edu). If any items are missing from your application, please notify the Admissions Coordinator at 479.575.4256 or by email at [etcgrad@uark.edu](mailto:etcgrad@uark.edu). We suggest that you keep this instruction page and use it as a checklist for items submitted and as a record of the date you sent each item to the University of Arkansas. Finally, federal law requires that students who will have contact with minors be subject to a background check regarding history of sexual offenses.

# APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO GRADUATE STUDY IN EXPERIMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY

Department of Psychological Science, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville AR 72701

Please complete this form and email it, along with your personal statement and curriculum vita (CV), to [etcgrad@uark.edu](mailto:etcgrad@uark.edu). If any information on this application changes, please notify the Admissions Coordinator by email ([etcgrad@uark.edu](mailto:etcgrad@uark.edu)) or by phone at 479.575.4256.

**FOR FULL CONSIDERATION OF YOUR APPLICATION, PLEASE SUBMIT THIS BY DECEMBER 1, 2017.** Interviews (for those students invited for on-campus interviews) are anticipated to be on Jan 25-26, 2018.

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
last, first

2. Social security number: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Current mailing address \_\_\_\_\_  
street address  
\_\_\_\_\_  
city, state, zip

5. Other/future mailing address (to be used after what date? \_\_\_\_\_)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
street address  
\_\_\_\_\_  
city, state, zip

6. Telephone numbers at which you can be reached (with area codes). Please notify the Admissions Coordinator if your number changes.

Days: \_\_\_\_\_ Evenings: \_\_\_\_\_

7. Please list three (or more) persons from whom you have requested letters of recommendation. (Note that the Graduate School will request letters from these contacts.)

Name & Title	Email address
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

8. Degrees earned or in progress

Institution & location	Degree	Major(s) (& minor(s))	Date earned/expected

9. If you have completed, or have in progress, an honors and/or master's thesis, please give its title, its status with respect to completion (e.g., data currently being collected, defended, published), and the name of the director of your thesis research.

Honors thesis title: \_\_\_\_\_

Thesis director: \_\_\_\_\_

Status: \_\_\_\_\_

Master's thesis title: \_\_\_\_\_

Thesis director: \_\_\_\_\_

Status: \_\_\_\_\_

10. If you've taken the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) or will do so, please indicate the date of the test. If you know your scores, please fill in that information also. If you have taken the GREs more than once, report your highest score in each category. Note that the psychology subject exam is not required of applicants to our program, but may be reported optionally.

	<u>Date you took the exam</u>		<u>raw score</u>	<u>percentile</u>
GRE general test:	_____	verbal reasoning:	_____	_____
		quantitative reasoning:	_____	_____
		analytical writing:	_____	_____
GRE subject (optional):	_____	subject (optional):	_____	_____

11. GPA for completed undergraduate courses (LAST 2 YEARS ONLY): \_\_\_\_\_

12. GPA for completed graduate courses: \_\_\_\_\_

13. Research Interests. Our website (<http://fulbright.uark.edu/departments/psychological-science/graduate-programs/experimental-psychology/>) contains descriptions of focus areas and an outline of the specific research interests of each of our faculty members. Please review this information before completing this portion of the application. Because the match between student and faculty interests is an important factor in admissions decisions, applicants who are interested in research topics that are not available here are advised not to submit an application. Please indicate your interest in specific faculty members. Please read about the research interests of all faculty members. Then indicate all of the faculty that you would like to work with by placing a 1 next to the faculty member you would most like to work with, a 2 next to your second preference, etc.

Experimental Psychology Faculty

- \_\_\_\_\_ Behrend (Developmental)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Beike (Social, Cognitive)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Eidelman (Social, Cognitive)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Forscher (Social, Methodology)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Lamm (Developmental Neuroscience)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Lampinen (Cognitive, Psychology of Law)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Leen-Feldner (Developmental Psychopathology)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Levine (Cognitive, Language)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Margulis (Cognitive, Music)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Parks (Cognitive Neuroscience)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Zabelina (Cognitive Neuroscience)

14. Personal Statement and CV. (ATTACH BOTH TO APPLICATION E-MAIL)

- a. Please prepare a personal statement in which you describe your educational and career goals and your reasons for choosing the area(s) of specialization you are interested in. Be sure to include information about relevant research experience and skills. Some applicants have rather firmly set interests in a particular research topic, while others have only a general area of interest. Please let us know how broad or narrow your interests are.
- b. Please prepare a CV detailing relevant accomplishments and experiences (e.g., conference presentations). If you have other items you would like to include (e.g., honors thesis; preprints), please feel free to include these supplemental materials as well.

15. By typing your name into the Signature box below, you agree that the information given in this application is accurate and complete to the best of your knowledge:

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Please save this file with a title that includes your first and last name (e.g., *John Doe Experimental Application.pdf*). Attach the application form, your personal statement, CV, and any supplemental materials to an e-mail sent to [etcgrad@uark.edu](mailto:etcgrad@uark.edu). Please put *Graduate Student Application* in the subject line. Thank you for your interest in our program!**