

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

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Review of applications will begin on December 1, 2020. We anticipate that interviews (for those invited for on-campus interviews) for the Experimental Psychology Program will be held in late January, 2021. Note that, depending on COVID-19-related restrictions, interviews may be held virtually.

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 (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) 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.
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 as requested by the Graduate School. 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.

NOTE: The Experimental Training Committee (ETC) is aware that some students are having difficulties taking the Graduate Record Examinations (GREs) due to the pandemic. We also recognize the fact that GREs may put some individuals, particularly from underrepresented groups, at an unfair disadvantage when it comes to educational opportunities. Because the University of Arkansas Fellowship Committee still requires GREs for fellowship decisions, we also request GREs for graduate admissions so that all incoming students have a fair chance at receiving a fellowship. We continue to work hard to increase our holistic approach to evaluating student applicants.

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. If any items are missing from your application, please notify the Admissions Coordinator at 479.575.4256 or by email at 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 subjected to a background check regarding history of sexual offenses.