

## PSYCHOLOGY RESEARCH MENTORSHIP PROGRAM APPLICATION

### **Description:**

The Psychology Research Mentorship Program (PRMP) provides a three-year, intensive research experience opportunity in which students work closely with a faculty member to develop and hone their research skills. This program is intended for students who plan to pursue doctoral-level graduate work in psychology and are considering a career in academia and/or one that involves research. It is expected that students in this program will be involved with at least one research lab in the Department of Psychology all three years. Other expectations include applying for summer research and other funding, presenting at conferences on and off campus, and serving as a resource for other students interested in research.

Psychology students may apply into this program during spring term of their **freshman year**. Students are expected to have completed their requirements in Research Methods and Data Analysis before joining the program or to enroll in these courses in SU17 or AU17.

Once selected, students attend a series of meetings in which they learn about research within the department, the IRB process, research funding opportunities, and other research related topics. Before the end spring semester, students select the lab they would like to work in for the upcoming three years.

During the **sophomore year**, students begin working in their chosen lab during autumn semester. In spring semester, students enroll in Psychology 4999.01(H), the first course in the Thesis sequence. In May, students travel to the Midwestern Psychological Association's annual conference in Chicago, Illinois, to see firsthand how research knowledge is communicated through symposia and posters. The goal of the sophomore year is to become acclimated to the research process and begin the Thesis.

During the **junior year**, students are expected to complete their Thesis with their research mentor (enrolling in 4999.02(H) in SP) and defend their Thesis by the end of spring semester. Also in spring semester, students will present their research at the Psychology Research Colloquium, the Denman Research Forum, and the Midwestern Psychological Association annual conference in Chicago in May (note that this conference typically occurs in early May after classes are over).

During the **senior year**, students will work with their research mentor to extend their research experience and continue their professional development. This may include collecting additional data, completing a follow-up research project, working with their research mentor to prepare a manuscript for submission to a peer-reviewed or undergraduate research journal, presenting their work at a discipline-specific conference, or other opportunities supported by the research mentor.

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## **Eligibility Criteria:**

1. Declared psychology major
2. Demonstrated interest in psychological research
3. Graduating Spring 2020 or later

**Method of Selection:** All submitted materials, including advising report and statement of interest will be reviewed. Final candidates may be invited for an interview.

**Application Checklist** (Please submit a hard copy of all materials to the Psychology Undergraduate Advising Office in 15 Psychology Building):

- Application (must be typed)
- Advising Report
- Statement of Interest

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Application due 5pm Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup>

1. Name:
2. OSU Email Address:
3. Phone Number:
4. When do you plan to graduate?:
5. Have you taken (please circle below):
  - a. Psychology 2220 or 2220H
  - b. Psychology 2300
6. Describe any research experiences you have had (both at and before OSU). If you are currently involved with a lab on campus, do you plan to continue in your current lab?
7. Please attach a separate statement explaining your current career interests and goals, why you are interested in the Psychology Research Mentorship Program, what you would hope to gain from the experience, and the research areas you are currently most interested in exploring.