

Interest & Experience Supplemental Essays

The following four brief essays are required for an application to the Clinical Psychology PhD program. We know that the information in these essays may overlap with information you have provided in your personal statement, but we include these essays to ensure that faculty have the necessary information to evaluate whether your experience and goals align with our program and faculty labs. You may duplicate text from other application materials such as your Statement and CV. After you hit submit on your online application through the Graduate School, a page where you can enter your essays will appear via the checklist. The preferred word maximum is listed after each prompt; your response can be fewer words than the listed maximum. We appreciate your taking the time to respond to each of these questions in the application.

- 1) **Interests:** In what area(s) would you like to pursue research as a graduate student? Try to be as specific as possible regarding the populations, issues, or questions you would like to study as part of your research training. (Up to 500 words maximum; Text can be duplicated from other application materials such as your Statement and CV)

- 2) **Research:** Please indicate your specific research experiences in psychology. Describe the nature of your participation and any products (papers, conference presentations, manuscripts or publications) that came from these experiences. (Up to 600 words maximum; Text can be duplicated from other application materials such as your Statement and CV)

- 3) **Clinical:** Please indicate your specific clinical experiences related to psychology. Describe your work with any clinical populations or other applied work relevant to clinical psychology. Give specifics as to the duration and nature of your work. If you have an interest in a particular theoretical approach for psychotherapy, please indicate that approach (e.g., interpersonal and cognitive-behavioral). (Up to 500 words maximum; Text can be duplicated from other application materials such as your Statement and CV)

- 4) **Career:** Please state briefly your career goals in clinical psychology. Indicate what you expect to be doing following your degree, and in what setting you expect to be doing it. (Up to 300 words maximum; Text can be duplicated from other application materials such as your Statement and CV)