

## PhD, Clinical Psychology

Fielding Graduate University's application is self-managed. You are expected to submit all required application documents to Fielding's Admission Office via mail or e-mail to [apply@fielding.edu](mailto:apply@fielding.edu). **Application materials should be sent unbound.** The Admission Office is committed to working with applicants and providing guidance throughout the admission process.

### Application Form

Complete the online Application for Admission, indicating your intended start term and program on our website at [www.fielding.edu/admission/apply](http://www.fielding.edu/admission/apply).

### Application Fee

You can pay the \$75 fee online with a credit card or electronic check. Please note this fee is nonrefundable.

### Recommendations

Obtain three recommendations from supervisors (clinical supervisors if appropriate), former professors, or professional colleagues who can comment on your academic, clinical, and professional work. **Please include the form for each letter of reference which can be found here <https://www.fielding.edu/admission/apply/letters.aspx>.** The recommender may either return the recommendation directly to Fielding (via mail or e-mail) or to you in a sealed envelope with a signature across the seal, which you will include with your application materials.

### Résumé

Include the following in a current résumé:

- Education
- Work history
- Honors and awards
- Experience in conducting research (if applicable)
- Publications and presentations
- Membership in professional organizations

### Official Transcripts

Obtain official transcript(s) in a sealed, unopened envelope from previous colleges and universities you attended. This includes any college or university where you received a degree, plus any other college or university which you attended for significant coursework. Transcripts may be included with your application materials if they are sealed or sent directly to Fielding's Admission Office.

### International Transcript Evaluation

Degrees or academic records from schools outside of the U.S. must undergo an independent evaluation by one of the following companies: American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (AACRAO) at [www.aacrao.org](http://www.aacrao.org); International Education Research Foundation (IERF) at [www.ierf.org](http://www.ierf.org); or World Education Services (WES) at [www.wes.org](http://www.wes.org). Please submit a detailed evaluation for both undergraduate and graduate coursework. Also include a translated copy of your transcript. Please visit [www.fielding.edu/admission/international.aspx](http://www.fielding.edu/admission/international.aspx) for additional information on international transcript evaluation.

### Statement of Purpose

Submit a one-page (maximum length, single-spaced) statement of purpose that tells your reasons for seeking admittance to the program at this point in your life. The statement should encompass your scholarly and professional interests and goals and link them with the components of the program. **Fielding considers this to be one of the most important elements of your application.**

### Autobiography

Submit an autobiography (double spaced, 3-8 pages in length) to describe how significant experiences and relationships in your life have contributed to your development. Include your strengths and limitations as well as your decision to complete the program to which you are applying. You are encouraged to include experiences in psychotherapy, education, politics, family, community, and professional life.

### Supplemental Application Questions

#### Background in Psychology

1. List all courses you have taken in the categories listed below. Indicate **U** (for undergraduate or **G** (for graduate) for each course; list each course only once. Courses are: Research design/statistics; sciences (e.g., biology, general science, genetics); cognitive and affective bases of behavior (e.g., theories and learning, perception, memory); social bases of behavior (e.g., social psychology, anthropology); individual differences (e.g., theories of personality, psychopathology, developmental psychology); psychological assessment; intervention.
2. Have you acquired knowledge in psychology through means other than formal academic courses? Describe in detail.
3. Have you had experience as a teacher, trainer, and/or consultant? Describe the types and dates of seminars and workshops presented.

#### Research/Scholarship

1. Research experience (e.g., assistantships, work experience); describe each and note supervision; list title and degree of supervisor.
2. If you wrote a master's thesis, give title.
3. Presentations and publications: include research and other forms of scholarship. Please give full citations; do not abbreviate.

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### **Clinical Background**

1. Supervised clinical experiences; list previous practica/internships and other clinical activities. Indicate experience with ethnically diverse populations. Indicate **P** (practica), **I** (Internship), or **O** (other). Include the setting, hours/week, dates, supervisor's name(s), and the population served.
2. List memberships in professional organizations.
3. List training and/or continuing education experiences during the past five years.

### **Writing Sample**

Submit a recent (within the last five years) writing sample which demonstrates evidence of critical thinking and writing skills, the ability to develop ideas and to make a coherent argument, the ability to evaluate relevant literature and use references, and exposure to research methods. Submit one of the following as a writing sample:

- Master's thesis (do not submit bound material)
- Academic paper from a graduate or undergraduate course
- Published article single authored or an article with your name as the first author
- If none of the above is available, write a review of an article from the *American Psychologist*, or the *Journal of Consulting and Clinical Psychology*.

Please note that executive summaries, PowerPoint presentations, patient/client reports and similar condensed work-related projects are not acceptable and should not be submitted. Please do not send CDs or DVDs of your work. These will not be included in the review of your application. **Please limit your writing sample to no more than 20 pages, unbound.**

### **Application Check List**

For your convenience and reference, the items needed to complete your application are listed below. **All application materials should be sent unbound.**

- Application form
- Application fee
- Recommendations (3)
- Résumé
- Official transcripts in sealed, unopened envelopes
- International transcript evaluation (if applicable)
- Statement of purpose
- Autobiography
- Supplemental application questions
- Writing sample

#### **Contacting**

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