**Counseling Psychology Program**

**Prospective Ph.D. Applicant Information Sheet**

**Who should apply to the Illinois Counseling Psychology Program?**

We are interested in enthusiastic students who have demonstrated intellectual curiosity about psychology. Our program is tailored for students who want to:

* Pursue doctoral-level careers in psychological research and practice
* Engage in research relevant to assessing and understanding behavior
* Develop multicultural competence in both research and practice

**Illinois encourages students from historically underrepresented backgrounds to apply.**

* The University of Illinois recognizes and embraces the power in diversity. To this end, the Graduate College has taken the initiative to broaden participation in graduate education by offering resources and opportunities to students from historically underrepresented populations. Find out more about these initiatives at the [Graduate College Equity Education Programs](http://www.grad.illinois.edu/eep/diversity).

**What are the criteria for admission?**

We take a holistic approach to reviewing applications.

Below are a few of the factors that will be considered:

* B.A./B.S., or higher degree, from an accredited college in the United States or a comparable degree from a recognized institution of higher learning abroad. **(Required)**
* GPA of 3.0, or above, on all undergraduate coursework or comparable GPA for an international applicant. **(Required)**
* English proficiency - applicants whose native language is not English are required to submit the results of the TOEFL or IELTS as evidence of [English proficiency](http://www.grad.illinois.edu/admissions/instructions/04c). **(Required for non-native English speakers)**
* GPA of 3.5, or above, on all graduate coursework, if applicable, or comparable GPA for an international applicant. **(Recommended)**
* Previous research experience (for example, participation in a research lab as an undergraduate). **(Recommended)**
* Competitive Verbal and Quantitative subtests of the GRE.
* Strong academic preparation as evidenced in the letters of reference and writing sample.

**How do I apply to the Illinois Counseling Psychology Program?**

[Learn more about how to apply to the Department of Educational – Counseling Psychology Program using the online Illinois Graduate College application.](http://education.illinois.edu/programs/grad/how-to-apply)

Application materials include:

* Personal Statement
* Resume or Curriculum Vitae
* Three Letters of References (academic or professional, with at least one letter that can speak to research promise and skills)
* Official Transcripts
* Writing Sample

If you are an international applicant, you will ALSO need:

* [Proof of funding documentation](http://www.grad.illinois.edu/admissions/instructions/04d)
* [Evidence of English proficiency](http://www.grad.illinois.edu/admissions/instructions/04c)
* [Meet minimum requirements based on country of origin](http://www.grad.illinois.edu/admissions/countries)

We encourage you to read the webpage closely for more detailed information about the criteria and materials needed to submit an application.

**We only have one application deadline each year: *December 1st***

**What is the available funding for PhD students?**

Students in our program typically receive funding through teaching, research, or other graduate assistantships. A number of our students also have received competitive fellowships. Here is more information about [financial aid](https://www.osfa.illinois.edu/cost/graduate) and [funding](http://www.grad.illinois.edu/fellowships/about) options for doctoral students.