## Clinical Psychology Doctoral Program Applications: A Recommended Timeline

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<th>Spring/summer prior</th>
<th>▪ Take GRE and GRE Subject Test (if applicable)</th>
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| **Summer prior**    | ▪ Research programs, begin to fill Application Tracking Excel*  
  *See corresponding template created by ABCT Student Membership Committee. |
| August/September    | ▪ Optional: Contact potential faculty mentors*  
  ▪ Ask current and/or former professors/supervisors to write letters of recommendation  
  *Send brief expression of interest email and attach your CV. Only inquire about accepting new students if information is not available on the website or the faculty mentor specifically encourages doing so. |
| September/October   | ▪ Provide people writing your letters of recommendation with materials they requested (typically, your Statement of Purpose, CV/resume, deadlines and instructions specific to each program)  
  ▪ Draft your Statement of Purpose and send to professors/mentors for feedback and copy edits  
  ▪ Update CV and send to professors/mentors for feedback and copy edits  
  ▪ Gather program-specific requirements, keep updating Application Tracking Excel |
| November/December   | ▪ APPLICATIONS DUE (check program websites for exact deadlines*)  
  ▪ Verify receipt of applications and all supplemental materials (e.g., GRE, transcripts) by the program  
  *Submit applications approximately 2 weeks prior to the deadline to allow yourself time to troubleshoot any issues (e.g., program did not receive all application components). |
| December/January    | ▪ Programs begin extending interview invitations |
| January-March       | ▪ Prepare for interviews: Review potential faculty mentors’ work (limit to past 5 years, as labs may no longer be continuing older programs of research), develop a list of questions to ask program faculty and students, organize and conduct mock interviews with mentors/colleagues, buy interview attire (or make sure what you have fits properly), and arrange for travel to/from interview sites  
  ▪ Interviews: Be yourself and learn as much as you can about each program!  
  ▪ Send thank-you emails to faculty and students you spoke with over the interview day/weekend |
| April 15th          | ▪ Deadline to accept offer of admission |

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