

Clinical Psychology Doctoral Program Applications: A Recommended Timeline

Spring/summer prior	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Take GRE and GRE Subject Test (if applicable)
Summer prior	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Research programs, begin to fill Application Tracking Excel* <p style="margin-left: 20px;"><i>*See corresponding template created by ABCT Student Membership Committee.</i></p>
August/September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Optional: Contact potential faculty mentors* ▪ Ask current and/or former professors/supervisors to write letters of recommendation <p style="margin-left: 20px;"><i>*Send <u>brief</u> 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.</i></p>
September/October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ APPLICATIONS DUE (check program websites for exact deadlines*) ▪ Verify receipt of applications and all supplemental materials (e.g., GRE, transcripts) by the program <p style="margin-left: 20px;"><i>*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).</i></p>
December/January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Programs begin extending interview invitations
January-March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Deadline to accept offer of admission