

## Clinical Psychology Doctoral Program Applications: A Recommended Timeline

<b>Spring/summer prior</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Take GRE and GRE Subject Test (if applicable)</li> </ul>
<b>Summer prior</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Research programs, begin to fill Application Tracking Excel*</li> </ul> <p><i>*See corresponding template created by ABCT Student Membership Committee.</i></p>
<b>August/September</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Optional: Contact potential faculty mentors*</li> <li>▪ Ask current and/or former professors/supervisors to write letters of recommendation</li> </ul> <p><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>
<b>September/October</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 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)</li> <li>▪ Draft your Statement of Purpose and send to professors/mentors for feedback and copy edits</li> <li>▪ Update CV and send to professors/mentors for feedback and copy edits</li> <li>▪ Gather program-specific requirements, keep updating Application Tracking Excel</li> </ul>
<b>November/December</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>APPLICATIONS DUE (check program websites for exact deadlines*)</b></li> <li>▪ Verify receipt of applications and all supplemental materials (e.g., GRE, transcripts) by the program</li> </ul> <p><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>
<b>December/January</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Programs begin extending interview invitations</li> </ul>
<b>January-March</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 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</li> <li>▪ Interviews: Be yourself and learn as much as you can about each program!</li> <li>▪ Send thank-you emails to faculty and students you spoke with over the interview day/weekend</li> </ul>
<b>April 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Deadline to accept offer of admission</li> </ul>