

Department of Psychology - Honors in Psychology Application

Please read these instructions carefully!

Completion of the honors designation in Psychology requires a two-term commitment (typically the student's final Fall and Spring terms) and involves:

- Identification of a faculty member who is willing to supervise your work in their research lab
- Enrollment in six credits worth of coursework (PSY 1973 in the Fall, PSY 1975 in the Spring
 - Note that these credits are counting towards your credit limits towards the Psychology Major and/or Directed Research)
- Independent work on a research project in a lab of your choosing
- Writing of an APA-style thesis
- A thesis defense before a faculty committee

Before applying for this opportunity, please discuss it with a psychology faculty member no later than the second term of your junior year. For more information, please see [Honors in Psychology](#)

To apply for the honors program in Psychology, please complete this online application.

For your application, you will require:

- A title of your research project
- Attach a brief (1-2 paragraphs), description of your research project, specifying what question will be investigated, how data will be collected and analyzed
- A tentative timeline for each phase of your thesis
 - Phases of the thesis might include literature review, thesis drafts, obtaining IRB approval, data collection, analyses, write-up, and thesis defense.
 - Include estimated dates by which you hope to finish each phase of the project.
 - Please consult with your faculty advisor when developing your timeline
- Identifying a proposal date
- Identifying a faculty advisor and two additional committee members
 - Please consult with your faculty advisor to identify suitable committee members

The requested information above (title, brief summary, timeline) must be prepared **in consultation with your faculty advisor before applying**. Please copy and paste your answers into the designated fields of the application on the next page.

Q2 I have read the above instructions, I am aware of the honors program requirements, I have all required documents (proposal description and timeline) prepared, and my primary mentor has approved my proposal and I am ready to complete this application.

Note: Your primary faculty member will receive a copy of this application for approval.

- Yes, I want to proceed with my application.
- No

Q3 Part A: Eligibility criteria

Please complete the following to determine your eligibility.

These criteria need to be met upon graduation.

Q4 Are you currently a Psychology major?

Yes

No

Q5 Eligibility Criteria

Overall GPA (min 3.25 required)

Psychology GPA (min 3.5 required)

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Q6 Part B: Contact Information

Q7 Student Information

- Full name _____
- Pitt email _____
- People soft number _____

Q8 Faculty Mentor Information

(A copy of this application will be forwarded to this mentor)

- Faculty Mentor Name _____
- Pitt email _____
- Advisor Phone # _____
- Advisor campus address _____

Q9 Have you completed at least 1 credit of PSY1903 or 1907 with this faculty member?

- Yes
- No
- No, but my faculty mentor has agreed to waive this requirement

Q10 How often will you meet with your faculty mentor?

(Note: Weekly meetings are recommended)

- More than weekly
- Weekly
- Bi-weekly

Q11 Part C: Project Information

Note: For this part you will need a description of your project and a timeline. Please prepare these in a word processor and then copy and paste in the text boxes below.

Q12 Title of Project

Q13 Description of Project

Provide a brief (1-2 paragraphs) description of your research project. Specify what question will be investigated, what data collection procedures will be employed, etc.

Q14 Project Timeline

Provide a timeline for each phase of your thesis. Phases of the thesis might include:

- Literature review
- draft of intro & methods
- obtaining IRB approval
- data collection, analyses
- write-up
- thesis defense

Include estimated dates by which you hope to finish each phase of the project.

Please consult with your faculty before developing your timeline.

Q15 Proposal date

When do you plan to defend your thesis proposal? In most cases, this needs to occur before the end of the Fall semester.

Q16 Part D: Committee Information

Together with your faculty mentor, form a three-person committee to oversee the project.

The committee needs to be comprised of Your primary faculty mentor (who likely serves as the chair of the committee and/or is the PI of your lab) At least one other faculty member (from Pitt or from another institution) A third member who has at least a master’s degree or equivalent and is qualified to evaluate the Honors thesis. This member might be another faculty member, an advanced graduate student, postdoctoral fellow, or staff member involved in the research.

Important: At least one of the committee members must have their primary appointment in the Department of Psychology.

To identify a faculty member that meets this requirement, go to this web-site:

<http://psychology.pitt.edu/people>

Please select “Faculty” in person type, then “Primary” from the drop-down menu to search.

Q17 Faculty Advisor / Chair

Name _____

Email _____

Department Affiliation _____

Institution _____

Q18 Second faculty member

Name _____

Email _____

Department Affiliation _____

Institution _____

Q19 Third committee member (must have at least a master's degree or equivalent)

Name _____

Email _____

Department Affiliation _____

Institution _____

Q20 Optional: Please enter the information for any additional committee members or comments:

Q21

Signature

By signing below, I am indicating that I understand the Honors Major requirements and my role in the process of completing the honors thesis.

Non-eligible Applicants

If you are currently NOT eligible to participate in the Honors program, the following options will be displayed:

Unfortunately, given the information you have provided, you are not currently eligible to participate in the Psychology Honor's program. However, you can use the space below to ask for an exception to be made in your case.

Your information will be forwarded to the advising office and if an exception can be granted, you will be provided with a link to complete your honor's application.

Q23 Please explain why an exception should be provided in your case.

Q24 Title of your Project

Q25 Description of Project

Provide a brief (1-2 paragraphs) description of your research project. Specify what question will be investigated, what data collection procedures will be employed, etc.
