**October 27‒29, 2017**

The Department of Psychology in the Kenneth P. Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences at the University of Pittsburgh invites students to apply for an exciting opportunity to learn from cutting edge researchers in psychology. The goal of the VIPitt program is to provide support and information to underrepresented students applying for graduate study in psychology at the University of Pittsburgh. The weekend includes seminars, panel discussions, and workshops on the components of a competitive graduate application, as well as formal and informal meetings with current graduate students and faculty in the applicants’ area of interest. Attendees also will be introduced to the Pitt [psychology](http://www.psychology.pitt.edu/) department, specific graduate [programs](http://www.psychology.pitt.edu/graduate-studies), and graduate training in psychology broadly. Meetings with university administrators will focus on funding and resources available to underrepresented students. Travel, housing, and meals are provided for all attendees, as well as a tour of the city of Pittsburgh.

**Eligibility.**Individuals interested in pursing doctoral training in clinical, developmental, health, biological, social or cognitive psychology are invited to apply. Undergraduates (Juniors and Seniors) and college graduates are eligible. A GPA of 3.0 or higher and prior research experience are suggested but not required. Students must identify one or more Pitt Psychology [faculty](http://www.psychology.pitt.edu/faculty) as prospective mentors. Students underrepresented in psychology (Alaska Natives, Black, Hispanic/Latinos, Native Americans, or Pacific Islanders) who are U.S. Citizens or Permanent Residents are eligible.

**Application.** The application requires one letter of recommendation, unofficial transcripts (to be emailed to vipitt@pitt.edu), and GRE scores, if available. Applicants should include a two-page personal statement describing professional goals, past research experience, and how their research interests' align with faculty in our program.

**SCHEDULE**

July 1               **Applications Due**

August 1          Acceptance Notification

September 1    Confirmation of attendance due

October 27      Participants arrive in Pittsburgh (Friday morning)

October 27      Half-day workshops and meetings (Friday)

October 28      All day workshops and meetings (Saturday)

October 29      Return travel (Sunday)

[**HOW TO APPLY**](http://pitt.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_512GsgDCzpQmg8B)

Students interested in being considered for the 2017 VIPitt Weekend, should click [**here**](http://pitt.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_512GsgDCzpQmg8B) to complete the application. The application includes unofficial transcript (to be emailed to vipitt@pitt.edu) and GRE/TOEFL scores, as well as one letter of recommendation (to be uploaded as a PDF or emailed to vipitt@pitt.edu by the letter writer), and a statement of purpose.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

[Frequently Asked Questions](http://www.psychology.pitt.edu/vipitt-frequently-asked-questions)

For more information about the VIPitt Weekend as well as the Department of Psychology’s [graduate programs](http://www.psychology.pitt.edu/graduate-studies), please contact:

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***HELPFUL LINKS***

[*Cool Pittsburgh: Come and Live in Pittsburgh*](http://www.coolpgh.pitt.edu/)

[*Hot Metal Bridge Program*](http://www.diversity.as.pitt.edu/hot-metal-bridge-program)

[*Year of Diversity*](http://www.yearofdiversity.pitt.edu/)

[*Office of Diversity & Inclusion*](http://www.diversity.pitt.edu/)

[*Arts & Sciences Graduate Studies Office*](http://www.asgraduate.pitt.edu/)

[*Lactation Rooms on Campus*](http://www.diversity.pitt.edu/diversity-resources/lactation-rooms)

[*LRDC Intern Program*](http://www.lrdc.pitt.edu/Diversity/LRDCinternshipprogram.cshtml)