



Psychological Sciences

GRADUATE STUDIES AT UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, MERCED (Ph.D.)

Psychological Sciences aims to understand human behavior from neurons to societies, and translate that knowledge to improve the human condition. Psychological research intersects with a broad array of disciplines, including neuroscience, biology, mathematics, linguistics, medicine, communications, political science, sociology, economics and public health, to name a few.

Our Psychological Sciences graduate group offers interdisciplinary doctoral training geared towards research careers in a range of settings, including universities, research institutes, private companies, government agencies, and nonprofit organizations.

Graduate students work closely with faculty mentors to conduct original research focused on one or more of the following psychological disciplines: developmental psychology, health psychology, and quantitative psychology.

UC Merced does not offer training in clinical psychology or related fields such as counseling or school psychology.

RESEARCH AREAS

DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY

- › Cognitive development
- › Social development
- › Language development
- › Emotional development
- › Atypical development
- › Neuroscience
- › Genetics

HEALTH PSYCHOLOGY

- › Quality of life, psychological adjustment and chronic diseases
- › Self-regulation, coping and health
- › Behavioral interventions
- › Psychoneuroendocrinology
- › Health risk behaviors
- › Health communications and decision making
- › Health disparities

QUANTITATIVE PSYCHOLOGY

- › Bayesian statistics
- › Experimental and quasi-experimental design
- › Meta-analysis
- › Computer adaptive testing
- › Structural equation modeling
- › Item response theory
- › Longitudinal statistical modeling



FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES: Each doctoral student receives a stipend of \$24,000 (includes tuition, fees and health insurance) per year. Students in good standing are eligible for year-round financial support, including payment of fees and tuition. Students are typically supported by teaching and research assistantships, which can be supplemented by fellowships, awards and other forms of financial assistance.

TO APPLY: To apply, please visit psychology.ucmerced.edu. Before applying, each applicant is encouraged to contact the Psychological Sciences faculty member whose research is of interest, and include a copy of his or her curriculum vitae. Each applicant is required to complete the General Test of the Graduate Record Examinations (GRE). The application deadline is Jan. 15.

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