**STUDENT SELECTION PROCESS FOR FALL 2026**

 Our student selection process for Fall 2026 admissions is as follows:

For Fall 2026 admissions, we are not requiring either general or Psychology GRE scores to apply to the program. Applicants who wish to submit their GRE scores may do so and we will consider them in addition to other components of their application. Applicants who do not wish to submit GRE scores are under no pressure to do so. For applicants who do not submit GRE scores, we will consider all other parts of their applications. Applicants who do not submit GRE scores will NOT have a lower chance of admission to our program. In fact, for the last five years, most applicants invited for interview and accepted to our program did not submit GRE scores. Please do whatever is best for you.

Regarding your personal statement, we kindly remind you that your personal statement for the Clinical Psychology PhD program at Temple University should be a genuine reflection of your own thoughts, experiences, and aspirations. It is important that your personal statement is crafted by you without the assistance of artificial intelligence (AI) or any other external writing services.

After the **November 15 deadline** for the receipt of applications passes, each application is initially reviewed by the Clinical Psychology Program faculty member who is in charge of Admissions. This review includes an evaluation of undergraduate GPA, overall fit with the program and its mission, and compatibility of research interests with the clinical faculty identified by the applicant as desirable potential mentor(s). Applications meeting initial review standards are assigned for review to the clinical faculty member listed as the applicant’s first choice for mentor. The applicant’s second choice for mentor also may choose to review the application. After all applications have been reviewed by the applicant’s first choice faculty mentor, the proposed faculty mentor may set up individual phone or Zoom interviews with applicants of interest. Applicants who are under serious consideration will be asked to submit official transcripts in case there is a decision to accept them. After conducting this first round of interviews, each faculty member planning to accept one or more students compiles a list of applicants they would like to invite for a second round of phone or Zoom interviews on our interview days, **January 5-7, 2026**. Roughly five applicants are invited for the second round of interviews for each student slot that a faculty member is looking to fill. This year, we expect 35-45 applicants to be invited for the second round of interviews to fill 7-8 student slots. During January 5-7, 2026, each applicant is interviewed formally by one other clinical faculty member and two current clinical doctoral students. Interview days also will include a Zoom lunch meeting in which the clinical faculty will present important information about the Clinical program, the admissions process post-interviews, funding, etc., as well as virtual tours of our in-house training clinic and neuroimaging center. One or more Zoom social, lab, and diversity events hosted by current graduate students are also held for the interviewees during Interview days. Applicants also have opportunities for informal meetings with other faculty and current students during Interview days.

After the interviews, faculty members meet with their current students to evaluate each applicant in terms of qualifications and suitability for both the lab and the program. The core clinical faculty then meet together as a group the week after the Interview days to discuss the interviewees and make final decisions regarding each applicant’s status as an “initial admit,” a “high alternate,” or an “alternate”. Students to whom we wish to offer acceptances must be officially approved for admission by the Department of Psychology and Neuroscience, the College of Liberal Arts, and the Graduate School of Temple University. Once those approvals are obtained, admitted students are notified of their acceptance, and all other interviewed applicants are notified of their high alternate or lower alternate status. High alternates are informed that they still have a very good chance of being accepted, as some of the initially admitted students may turn down Temple’s offer and choose to attend another school. Lower alternates are told that they are still in the running, but that their chances are lower because there are other applicants ahead of them on the waiting list. The clinical admissions director keeps in close contact with all interviewed applicants to keep them apprised of their status and likelihood of receiving an offer of admission as the process moves toward April 15, and every effort is made to give them as realistic a sense of their chances as possible as the process unfolds. All offers of admission come with full support (full tuition waiver, stipend, and health insurance) for the first five years, either in the form of a competitive University Fellowship or an assistantship. Applicants are notified of final admissions decisions no later than April 15th.