

UC Berkeley School Psychology Program: FAQ Sheet

How is the program structured?

- This is a doctoral-only program that typically lasts 5 to 6 years
- The program is based on a scientist/practitioner model. You will be trained in how to be both a researcher and practitioner in the field of School Psychology
- Practices are grounded in prevention
- Consultation is a key focus. Students will learn how to consult with teachers, parents, and school administrators.
- More information on the program structure can be found [here](https://bse.berkeley.edu/professional-programs/school-psycholog) (<https://bse.berkeley.edu/professional-programs/school-psycholog>)

What accreditation, approval, and reputation does this program have?

- [American Psychological Association](#) (APA) accreditation
- [APA accredited internship](#) (B-PIC)
- [NASP Approved](#) (Nationally Certified School Psychologist credential)
- UC Berkeley is the top public university in the world

Who are the research and clinical faculty in the program?

- Core Research Faculty:
 - Dr. Frank C. Worrell (Accepting students)
 - Dr. Chunyan Yang (on leave)

*** The application will require you to name two/three faculty advisors for admission. Make sure you include Dr. Frank C. Worrell as he is the faculty advisor accepting students this year. To ensure that he sees your application, it is important to do this.*
- Clinical Faculty:
 - Dr. Kate Perry (Program coordinator)
 - Dr. Amanda McKerracher (Lecturer)
 - Dr. Alejandra Ojeda-Beck (Lecturer)
 - Dr. Mercedes Zapata (Lecturer)

Should I reach out to the faculty in the program?

- Faculty members in the program are particularly busy this time of the year. Please do not take it personally if you emailed us and we have not responded.

What does the admission process look like for this program?

- We will assess the strength of everyone's application and its alignment with the faculty's research interests.
- 15-20 students will be selected for an interview
- 4 students will be recommended for admission

How does this program financially support their students?

- Students who are admitted into the program receive 5 years of full funding.
- The funding package includes a tuition waiver and is not deducted from your income.

Can you apply with an advanced degree (e.g., Masters)?

- Yes. We have several students in the program who have advanced degrees
- Those who do not have advanced degrees will obtain a Masters degree during their time in the program.

Do I need to take the GRE to apply?

- GRE scores are optional. They are not needed to apply to this program.

What is the ratio of research and clinical work done in the program?

- The ratio of how much research and clinical work you complete in the program is up to you. You can choose to focus more on research or clinical work as you progress throughout your time here.

What housing options are available?

- UC Berkeley provides multiple resources to help students with housing. These resource options make looking for a home in Berkeley more manageable. More information on housing can be found [here](https://housing.berkeley.edu) (<https://housing.berkeley.edu>).

Who do I reach out to if I have any questions?

- Please contact our programs admissions committee at bse-spsy-recruit@berkeley.edu