

# Resource List for Careers and Graduate Study in Psychology

## APPLYING FOR GRADUATE SCHOOL:

<http://www.apa.org/education/grad/index.aspx>

Information from APA on graduate training. Such as sources of funding, applying to graduate school.

## CAREER INFORMATION AND JOB OUTLOOKS IN GENERAL: INCLUDING AS A CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST

<http://www.bls.gov/search/ooh.htm>

Occupational Outlook Handbook: For information on careers in psychology or other types of careers (any type of career, really), work settings, specializations, and salaries, job projections etc.

<http://psychology.pages.tcnj.edu/resources/student-resources/careers-graduate-school/counseling-clinical-psychology-careers/>

An EXCELLENT general website providing an overview comparison contrast of numerous types of “helping careers” including clinical or counseling psychology, social work, pastoral counseling, social work, school psychology, etc. This also has a number of very helpful links for each of these career directions.

## For career biographies of psychologists in interesting fields:

[http://www.apa.org/science/nonacad\\_careers.html](http://www.apa.org/science/nonacad_careers.html)

## Career Exploration Resources:

Bureau of Labor Statistics – Occupational Outlook Handbook:  
[www.bls.gov/oco/home.htm](http://www.bls.gov/oco/home.htm)

To contact GVSU alumni working in specific fields:  
<http://www.gvsu.edu/careercontact/>

What Can You Do with a BA in Psychology?  
[http://www.psichi.org/pubs/articles/article\\_68.aspx](http://www.psichi.org/pubs/articles/article_68.aspx)

This text is also available in the CLAS Academic Advising Center’s Resource Room and can be checked out for personal use.

## Salaries and Debt Load in Psychology Careers:

<http://www.apa.org/workforce/presentations/2008-debt-salaries.pdf>

## Volunteering Opportunities:

GVSU Community Service Learning Center – Lists volunteer opportunities maintained by the GVSU Community Service Learning Center.  
<http://www.gvsu.edu/service/>

Volunteer Match – A data-base that allows volunteers to search all over the country for opportunities or organizations that fit their interest areas.  
[www.volunteermatch.com](http://www.volunteermatch.com)

Volunteer Solutions – A United Way volunteer-matching database for the Grand Rapids area.

<http://national.unitedway.org/volunteer/>

1-800-Volunteer – A web-based search that allows you to locate opportunities within your zip code, as well as track your hours.

[www.1-800-volunteer.org](http://www.1-800-volunteer.org)

**For a listing of all APA-approved graduate programs in psychology by state and specialty area:**

American Psychological Association (2010). *Graduate study in psychology, XXXX Edition*. Washington, DC: Author. New edition each year.

You can buy this book from the APA web site. Copies are also available in the library and in the CLAS Academic Advising Center's Resource Room. You can also subscribe to on-line access to this book through the APA web site for \$19.95 for a three month period.

Mayne, T. J., Norcross, J. C., & Sayette, M. A. (2006). *Insider's guide to graduate programs in clinical and counseling psychology*. New York: Guildford Press.

**Social Work Graduate Programs:**

*Peterson's Guide to graduate programs in business, education, health, information studies, law & social work.*

*Directory of colleges and universities with accredited social work degree programs*, Washington, D.C. : Council on Social Work Education

[http://www.gradschools.com/listings/menus/social\\_work\\_menu.html](http://www.gradschools.com/listings/menus/social_work_menu.html) or

<http://cosw.sc.edu/>

**Where Should I Apply to Graduate School:**

[http://www.psichi.org/Pubs/Articles/Article\\_773.aspx](http://www.psichi.org/Pubs/Articles/Article_773.aspx)

**Rankings of Graduate Programs** in psychology and social work: Read caution statement carefully.

<http://www.socialpsychology.org/>

**Getting Accepted:**

[http://www.psichi.org/pubs/articles/article\\_22.aspx](http://www.psichi.org/pubs/articles/article_22.aspx)

<http://www.apa.org/gradpsych/2007/11/cover-acceptance.aspx>

American Psychological Association (2007). *Getting in: A step-by-step plan for gaining admission to graduate school in psychology*. Washington, DC: Author. Available at the [apa.org](http://www.apa.org) web site.

**GRE's – Graduate Record Exams**

General Test and Subject Test NOTE: General Test is changing. Check web site for updates

[.www.ets.org/gre](http://www.ets.org/gre)

Who's Afraid of the GRE's?

<http://www.gvsu.edu/clasadvising/who-s-afraid-of-the-gre-s-65.htm>

**American Psychological Association:**

[www.apa.org](http://www.apa.org)

**Psi Chi:**

International honor society in psychology. A wealth of articles on careers in psychology and graduate school. To join the GVSU chapter go the psychology department homepage and choose :Psi Chi.

[www.psichi.org](http://www.psichi.org)

**GVSU Psychology Department Web Page:**

[www.gvsu.edu/psych](http://www.gvsu.edu/psych)

**Research:**

Is all undergraduate research the same in the eyes of a graduate program?

[http://www.psichi.org/awards/winners/hunt\\_reports/kaiser.aspx](http://www.psichi.org/awards/winners/hunt_reports/kaiser.aspx)

**Student Scholars Day:**

<http://www.gvsu.edu/ssd/index.cfm?id=09F4E37F-BB39-3370-2F2769231071899C>

**Summer Scholars:**

The Student Summer Scholars Program (S3) provides funds for a student and faculty mentor to devote twelve weeks to a research and/or creative project during the spring/summer semester. Generally, S3 Grants provide a student stipend, faculty stipend, and a small budget for supplies. Grants do not exceed \$6,000. Combining academics, field work, and a reflection component provides students with a meaningful learning experience that helps to prepare them for graduate school and future careers.

<http://www.gvsu.edu/ours/s3/>

**McNair Scholars Program:**

McNair Scholars is a TRiO program funded through the United States Department of Education and Grand Valley State University. This program is designed to prepare highly talented undergraduates to pursue doctoral degrees and to increase the number of individuals (from target groups) on college and university faculties. The McNair Scholars have parents have no 4-year college degree and are low-income, or are from groups underrepresented at the graduate level for doctoral studies. The program accepts students from all disciplines.

The McNair Scholars receive academic counseling, advising, and GRE preparation. In addition, they're matched with a Ph.D. faculty mentor to conduct research and attend a McNair research conference to present their findings. In the first semester of their senior year, the scholars receive assistance with the graduate school application process.