

CMU Psychology
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Application requirement?

Yes; accessed online

Application details

Personal statement, CV, 3-5 letters of rec, 3 faculty members of interest, all transcripts (including medical school)

Application deadline

December 1st

Application fee

\$25

Graduate stipend (as of academic year 2022-2023)

\$33,000 (but about \$2260 for health insurance taken out), please reach out to Kathy so she can process one-time payments for stipend equity via Concur

Enrichment funds

\$1500 for travel each year

\$1500 for workshop one time over 5 years

\$200/year of discretionary funds for research/academic activities

Health insurance coverage?

Covered by graduate program with option to enroll in vision/dental for extra \$

Health insurance enrollment deadline

August 29th

Does health insurance change if student is on a training grant or fellowship?

No

If awarded an F30/1, does the grad program decide how the institutional allowance is spent

Yes

Internal funding sources

Various institutional awards

Incoming graduate student orientation?

Yes

Coursework registration dates

Mid-November and Mid-April

Course requirements for MSTP

Varies based on whether Psychology or Cognitive Neuroscience PhD.

For Cognitive Neuroscience PhD, including 10 CBC courses but 2 are waived for MSTP students.

Milestones for MSTP students

1st and 2nd year paper, a 3rd year review paper, and the dissertation.

Required semesterly courses

Professional Development seminar for the first 2-3 years.

Teaching requirement

Yes; three TA-ships

How does the graduate program assess whether MSTP students are on track

Advisor, committee, end of semester graduate evaluation meetings, meeting milestones

Required meetings outside of thesis mentor

Bi-annual thesis committee meetings. Defining the thesis committee is required by the end of October in the first year, but it is flexible.