



Psi Chi/APA Science Directorate Internship & Relocation Grant

Deadline: January 15

Submissions from applicants with overdue, incomplete, or unacceptable final reports from prior Psi Chi grants will not be considered.

email inquiries [awards@psichi.org]

Grant Description

The purpose of this program is to further the goals of Psi Chi by providing an internship opportunity for undergraduate Psi Chi members to gain experience in science administration and learn more about the science of psychology through a summer internship at the American Psychological Association's (APA) Science Directorate. The Science Directorate is the APA unit with primary responsibility for promoting and representing psychological science and scientists. Interns participate as team members on a variety of directorate projects. For example, interns might assist with Internet searches and/or write summaries on selected research or issue topics, help construct databases of researchers or research topics, work on components of larger projects, assist in the preparation for the Summer Science Institute or the annual convention, sit in on Directorate policy meetings, and/or attend congressional hearings.

Psi Chi has formed a partnership with the APA Science Directorate to hire one Psi Chi undergraduate student member for a 10-week paid summer internship in the Science Directorate. The Science Directorate office is located in Washington, DC. The internship will begin one to two weeks after the student has completed the spring semester, typically in mid or late May. The Science Directorate will work with the intern to establish the starting date and expects the intern to work for 10 weeks, starting on this date. The salary paid by the Science Directorate is approximately \$3,500.

To assist students whose permanent home address and school address are more than 30 miles from DC and who must relocate to DC to participate in this internship, Psi Chi will provide up to \$3,500 in a relocation grant for these students to support relocation and living expenses. If the intern is eligible for a relocation grant, the recipient will receive the grant one month prior to beginning the internship. Staff members at the APA Science Directorate will assist the intern in locating affordable housing for the summer.

Eligibility

At the time of submission, the applicant must be a Psi Chi member who is a rising senior or rising junior majoring in psychology. That is, the applicant must be continuing full-time studies toward the bachelor's degree at the current institution in the semester following the internship. Seniors who will graduate before the internship begins are not eligible. Preference will be given to a rising senior. The applicant must have demonstrated an interest in scientific psychology and agree to work full time for the agreed upon period of the internship. All Psi Chi members who meet these criteria are eligible for the internship. Applicants whose permanent home address and school address are more than 30 miles from DC are also eligible for the Psi Chi relocation grant. Applicants whose permanent home address or school address are within 30 miles of the DC area are not eligible for the Psi Chi relocation grant.

Style/Standards

- 1. An electronic document which conforms strictly to the instructions in the Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association (APA).
2. Text of the application should be in 12-point font (double-spaced).
3. Applications are not masked.

Application Procedure

- 1. Submit internship applications online at www.psichi.org under the AWARDS/GRANTS section. The link for submissions is available at least one month prior to the submission deadline.
2. Submissions are accepted online until midnight local time on January 15. Late submissions cannot be accepted.
3. The Psi Chi grant application must include the elements listed below.
a. The information requested on the cover sheet at the right of this page.
b. A resumé describing the applicant's academic history, research experience, relevant employment, and involvement in the local Psi Chi chapter.
c. An official transcript from the student's current academic institution.
d. A reference letter from the Psi Chi advisor describing the applicant's participation in the local Psi Chi chapter.
e. A reference letter from a faculty member with whom the applicant has had research experience or one or two courses. The letter should describe the applicant's academic and research competence and potential.
f. A personal statement that describes the applicant's past and current career ambitions, research interests and experience, and goals for the summer internship.
g. A statement indicating the applicant's home address and school address. If the applicant's permanent home address and school address are more than 30 miles from DC, the applicant should provide a budget that indicates expected relocation and living expenses to participate in the internship. Expenses may include travel to and from DC, lodging, living expenses, and other expenses associated with relocating to DC for the summer.
h. A pledge to fulfill all winner responsibilities listed below.
5. The review committee will include representatives from Psi Chi and the APA Science Directorate.

Winner Responsibilities Following the Internship

- 1. If for any reason the winner cannot begin or complete the internship, the winner will notify the Psi Chi National Office and the APA Science Directorate. If the winner received a Psi Chi relocation grant, the winner should be prepared to repay all of some of the grant as determined by Psi Chi.
2. At the end of the internship period, the intern will submit a 250-word report of the internship experience to the APA Science Directorate supervisor. The report will conform to APA's Publication Manual and be suitable for publication.
3. The winner will provide the Psi Chi National Office with the following for publication in Eye on Psi Chi.
- A 120-word report about the winner's experience as an intern
- A 150-word biography (third person)
- A digital photo (600KB file size)

These items need to be emailed to awards@psichi.org by October 1.

All proposals must be written in English.

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Please complete this form online by midnight local time on January 15 at www.psichi.org/awards/award\_43.asp

- Applying for Internship Only - Permanent home address or school address are within 30 miles of DC
Applying for Internship and Relocation Grant - Permanent home address and school address are more than 30 miles from DC

Name

Psi Chi member ID number

Mailing address | Street or PO Box

City | State | Zip

University or college currently attended

Permanent home mailing address | Street or PO Box

City | State | Zip

Phone | Email

Name of school where inducted into Psi Chi

Indicate your ethnic heritage by marking all that apply (optional)

- African-American/Black
American Indian or Alaska Native
Asian, Asian American, or Pacific Islander
Caucasian/White
Hispanic/Latino
Other (specify)

Acceptance of Grant Conditions: If a Psi Chi/APA Science Directorate Internship & Relocation Grant is awarded, I hereby agree to its conditions, which are to complete the internship; to submit a report of 250 words to the Science Directorate supervisor at the end of the internship; and to submit to the Psi Chi National Office a brief report of 120 words, a biography, and a photo by October 1. If for any reason I cannot begin or complete the internship, I will notify Psi Chi immediately and, if applicable, be prepared to repay all or some of the Psi Chi grant money that has been awarded.

Signature | Date

Enter online at www.psichi.org under AWARDS/GRANTS