

Section: Graduate Student Policies

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Subject: Psychology Only PDRF Application Process

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PDRF Application Process
Neuroscience; Psychology
AY2020-2021
Due date: February 9, 12p

The Psychology PhD program has been awarded a Presidential Doctoral Research Fellowship (PDRF) from the Graduate School. More information about the PDRF, including stipend and benefits, can be found [here](#).

This year, we have opted to use the PDRF as a recruitment mechanism to bring in a promising scholar to our program. This differs from previous years when a PDRF was awarded directly to a faculty member prior to the recruitment season. This year, the PDRF will be awarded **following** our in-person interviews.

In order to be considered, please draft a 1-page (single-spaced, 12pt font, Times New Roman, 1" margins) proposal outlining how you will use the PDRF to 1) recruit a stellar applicant to the program and 2) create a novel education plan that results in a well-rounded graduate.

In your proposal, be sure to highlight the following information:

- Student name
- Student qualifications
- Training Plan
- Recruiting risk (e.g., if not given the PDRF, his/she/they might not come)

Proposals will be submitted to the Council of Graduate Directors (Blais, Tschanz, Madden, Jordan, Renshaw, Geiser) for evaluation. The Council will rank order all proposals.

Should the faculty who initially receives the PDRF not be able to recruit their chosen applicant during the recruitment cycle (AY 2020-2021), the PDRF will be awarded to the next faculty member on the rank list.

Proposals should be submitted to the Associate Department Head (Blais).