

Developmental Resource Guide:

Why apply to graduate school?

- Can lead to more opportunities for better careers and career advancement and you can pursue your interest in more depth.

A developmental panel was hosted Fall 2019 at UCSC Social Sciences building with Professors Su-hua Wang and Audun Dahl. Also, three graduate students in Developmental research Tess Shirefley, Brenda Celina Gutierrez, and Nicholas SanTERS.

- Below are some helpful tips gathered from the panel:
 - Not every path is the same. It's okay to take a gap year.
 - Apply when you are ready!
 - Do your research! Know the difference between Developmental Psychology programs and programs in Human Development.
 - Recommended to look into Master's programs to know the benefits of getting the degree versus the benefits of getting a PhD.
- * When applying look into getting your application fees waived*

Careers in Developmental Psychology

- Work in academia, government settings, health care facilities and schools
- Become a professor and conduct your own research studies.
- Help to assess and evaluate and treat people with disabilities, young or old.

Samples of Developmental Masters/PhD Programs:

*To see a full list of Developmental Programs go to:

<https://www.apadivisions.org/division-7/students-careers/graduate-programs> *

Arizona State University:

- [PhD in Developmental Psychology](#): some of the program includes community-based interventions, community embedded basic science and psychopathology.

- Admission Requirements:
 - BA, maintained a GPA of 3.0,
 - GRE test scores or GMAT scores,
 - what courses have been completed in your Undergrad studies,
 - letters of recommendation,
- Forms needed: personal statement, official and unofficial transcripts, letters of recommendation.
- [Financial Support Offered](#)
 - Stipend
 - fellowships and awards.

University Of California- Davis:

- [PhD in Developmental Psychology](#) : research topics include issues in developmental neuroscience in typical and atypical populations, symbolic representation in infants and children. Children's psychological understanding and theory of mind, memory development. Public policy and child development.
 - Admission Requirement:
 - transcripts,
 - (3) letters of recommendation,
 - test scores,
 - personal history and diversity statement,
 - statement of purpose,
 - application fee: \$120 for US applicant and \$140 for international applicants. (Look into application fee waivers)
 - area of research and preferred faculty mentor(s).
 - [Financial Support](#)

Ohio State University:

- [Developmental Psychology \(PhD\)](#): The primary area of emphasis is cognitive development, including attention and memory, learning and conceptual development, language acquisition, reading development, mathematics development etc.
- [Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities \(PhD\)](#): emphasis is on developmental disabilities. Areas in which students have specialized in the past include instrument development, social support, problem behavior, applied behavior analysis, sleep disorders, aggression, dual diagnosis and autism spectrum disorder.
 - Financial Support:

- Try to guarantee graduate students admitted in the Developmental Program at least four years of support beginning with their first year.
 - Research assistantships
 - Teaching associateships
 - University fellowship
 - Graduate enrichment fellowship
- Admission Requirement:
 - Program of first choice and second choice
 - Information of all Psychology Courses taken
 - Statement of purpose
 - Curriculum Vitae/Resume
 - Transcripts of all institutions attended where college credit was earned
 - GRE/ TOEFL Scores
 - Choose a Faculty or Lab that you want to work in.

University of Washington:

- [Developmental Program in Psychology \(PhD\)](#): studies include social, cognitive, neural processes in infants, children and adolescents as they grow and change. The area focuses on ontogenetic change and the mechanisms that underlie it in typically developing populations
 - Admission Requirement:
 - GRE Scores
 - Unofficial transcripts
 - (3) letters of recommendation
 - Statement of purpose
- [Master of Arts in Applied & Adolescent Psychology](#): Prevention and Treatment- purpose of master is for those that want to pursue a career providing mental health services to children and youth.
 - Admission Requirements:
 - Bachelor's Degree
 - Minimum 3.0 GPA
 - Experience working with children
 - Criminal Background check will be administered
 - Previous course work in child development
 - Resume
 - Statement of purpose
 - Three letters of recommendation

- Unofficial transcripts