

## Applying to Psych Grad School Seminar

PSA ~ [www.psych.utoronto.ca/~psa](http://www.psych.utoronto.ca/~psa)

- 1) **Decide to go to grad school**
- 2) **Scholarships – need transcripts & letters of reference**
  - a. NSERC: due **Fri Oct 7<sup>th</sup>**, 2005 [www.nserc.gc.ca](http://www.nserc.gc.ca)
  - b. OGS: due **Tues Nov 1<sup>st</sup>**, 2005 [http://osap.gov.on.ca/eng/not\\_secure/ogs.htm](http://osap.gov.on.ca/eng/not_secure/ogs.htm)
  - c. SSHRC: due **Thurs Dec 1<sup>st</sup>**, 2005 [www.sshrc.ca](http://www.sshrc.ca)
  - d. CIHR: **Mon Dec 5<sup>th</sup>**, 2005 [www.chir-irsc.gc.ca](http://www.chir-irsc.gc.ca)
- 3) **GRE- General & GRE-psych**
  - a. Register to write **TONIGHT** if you haven't already [www.ets.org](http://www.ets.org)  
**GRE-psych**: Nov 12 (only date till December) AND **GRE-General**: book an appointment
  - b. Practice & Prepare: you can study for the GREs – start now for the general
  - c. Day of writing – a few free results - list schools you are sure to apply to
- 4) **Decide on Area ~ Mid-October**
  - a. 3 main areas of Psych Grad school: 1) Applied and Counseling (PhD or terminal masters),  
2) Research PhD  
3) Clinical PhD,
- 5) **Decide on Topic ~ End of October**
  - a. Area within (e.g., Personality Disorders, Health psychology, Cognition)
- 6) **Letters of reference**
  - a. **Mid-Oct**: decide on a list of potential writers/referees
  - b. **Mid-Oct**: Email potential writers/referees
  - c. **1<sup>st</sup> week of Nov**: Send relevant information to writers/referees
- 7) **List of potential schools**
  - a. Search by Program Topic to get a list of schools:
    - i. [www.gradschools.com](http://www.gradschools.com) for US and “outside US”
    - ii. [www.prospects.ac.uk](http://www.prospects.ac.uk) for United Kingdom
    - iii. [www.socialpsychology.org](http://www.socialpsychology.org) (not just social)
    - iv. **APA graduate studies book** for Canada and US – available from PSA website & office
  - b. Search by Topic via **psycinfo**
- 8) **Decide on Grad schools**
  - a. **October** Narrow by: Specific Program of interest? End Result (e.g., accredited for clinical)? Faculty in interested area? Courses taught in program? – psych departments websites
  - b. **End of October: Narrow further** by: Entrance Requirements? Financial Considerations? Faculty of interest taking graduate students? - APA graduate studies book or for Canadian schools=  
<http://www.cpa.ca/graduate/guide.pdf>
- 9) **Transcripts ~ Request by End of October on ROSI**
- 10) **Filling out Applications ~ November**
  - a. Take time for each application
- 11) **Contact potential supervisors ~ November or December**
- 12) **When invited to a school, Go!**