

**Application Resources**

**USC Specific Application Resources**

**Personal Statements/Statements of Purpose from Current Students at USC (Clinical)**

* [Statement 1](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1aJcrG83MAZhOSRz-jDN6DEKUY0b2zifL/edit?usp=share_link&ouid=109532445430562361095&rtpof=true&sd=true)
* [Statement 2](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1uoiG2EBdtDEFpDuVKsBWQFR1zPeasjzL/view?usp=share_link)
* [Statement 3](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1lDYd208GHVIxQ5D8EfhX5EjZVZzp3gRD/view?usp=share_link)
* [Statement 4](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1dR8t-up9Hi3XTxbLGP1ln3eLJiP_IWjZ/view?usp=share_link)
* [Statement 5](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Ye3rdzXVyXDrQ-zsRAhKVIP1bGCgWlVF/view?usp=share_link)

[**USC Preview Day 2023 Slides**](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1en2H9mO4JdLRT7nbgqMAAjezr_We50Fr/view?usp=sharing) **(includes personal statement green/red flags)**

**General Application Resources**

[Harvard PhD Resources & Online Tips Page](https://psychology.fas.harvard.edu/pro-tip)

[Resources from Yale University on Applying to Graduate School in Psychology](https://psychology.yale.edu/diversity/resources-applying-graduate-school)

[Dr. Jessica Borelli’s Career Advice & Personal Perspectives](https://faculty.sites.uci.edu/borelli/career-advice-and-personal-perspectives/)

[Dr. Craig Rodriguez-Seijas’ Website](https://sites.lsa.umich.edu/splat-lab/faqs/)

[Dr. Margaret Sheridan’s Website](https://circlelab.unc.edu/resources-for-potential-graduate-students/applying-to-graduate-school/)

[UC San Diego Applying to Graduate School](https://psychology.ucsd.edu/undergraduate-program/undergraduate-resources/graduate-career-resources/applying-grad-school/index.html)

[Loyola University Chicago Preparing for Graduate School](https://www.luc.edu/psychology/resources/preparingforgraduateschool/)

[Applying to Graduate School in Social and Personality Psychology](https://spsp.org/sites/default/files/Student%20Guide%20to%20Applying%20to%20Graduate%20School.pdf)

[American Psychological Association Graduate School in Psychology Preparation and Application](https://www.apa.org/education-career/grad/application-video-series)

[American Psychological Association Division 12 Graduate School Application Resources](https://div12.org/applying-to-clinical-psychology-graduate-programs-tips-and-resources/)

**Pre-Application Stage**

As we discussed during preview day, research experience is a crucial aspect of your application and fit for a graduate program in psychology. Below are some links to research opportunities, if you are still looking for further research experience in advance of applying. Post-bac (post-baccalaureate) positions are paid research positions in labs where you conduct and assist with research under the supervision of a faculty member. Some opportunities are structured programs and others are part- or full-time paid positions such as lab managers or research coordinators. You may come across paid research assistant positions or data analyst positions. Typically, lab managers and research coordinators may have more management responsibilities but the best way to determine what the job involves is to read the job description and/or ask for more information directly from the source.

Post-bac programs and paid positions are generally quite competitive but are important learning opportunities in preparing for graduate school. They may be an alternative to completing a masters in your years between undergraduate and graduate school.

**Post-Bac Program Links:**

* <https://www.training.nih.gov/research-training/pb/pb/>
* <https://ps.soceco.uci.edu/post-bacc-page/post-baccalaureate-program-psychological-science>
* <https://psychology.berkeley.edu/post-bac/overview>
* <https://psychology.columbia.edu/content/postbaccalaureate-program>

**Post-Bac Job Position Links:**

* <http://psychjobsearch.wikidot.com/2022predocs>
* <https://undergrad.psychology.fas.harvard.edu/post-graduate-research-jobs>
* [Cognitive, developmental, social psychology (Cogdevsoc) Listserv](http://lists.cogdevsoc.org/listinfo.cgi/cogdevsoc-cogdevsoc.org)

**Opportunities for Current Undergraduates:**

* [Summer Research Opportunities Program](https://apps.btaa.org/srop/apply)
* [Undergraduate Research Opportunities & Internships](https://www.apa.org/education-career/undergrad/research-opportunities)
* [Summer Research Opportunities](https://societyforascienceofclinicalpsychology.wildapricot.org/Summer-Research-Opportunities)
* [Undergraduate Research Opportunities](https://spsp.org/professional-development/training-programs/undergraduate-research-opportunities)