

Reviewer name: _____

**Psychological and Brain Sciences
Graduate Admissions Rubric for Holistic Admissions**

Pilot phase of rubric for reviewing graduate student applications for 2024 admissions. The text in ratings are examples and may not apply in all cases, please feel free to express how/why you determined your rating in the comments box.

Student name: _____

Previous Institution(s): _____

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Research Experience (can consider mentor/lab here)	Exceptional research experience with evidence of independence	Excellent research experience (e.g., poster authorship, multi-year RA)	Very good experience (e.g., one-year RA or one-year honors thesis)	Average (e.g., one-year RA)	Not apparent
*Comments:					
Relevant research Skills (e.g., computational skills, research techniques, experimental design, etc.)	Exceptional	Very good	Good	Average	Not apparent
Comments:					
Letters of Recommendation	Very strong letters	Moderately strong letters	Mixed letters	Below average letters	Red flag letters
Comments:					
Previous Coursework (if considering institution can include in comments)	Highly related coursework, excellent grades.	Highly related coursework, good grades.	Somewhat related coursework, excellent grades	Somewhat related coursework, good grades	Coursework unrelated
Comments:					

Personal Statement	Outstanding expression and motivation, research knowledge/plan and career goals	Very good expression, motivation and research knowledge/plan and career goals	Good expression and motivation and research knowledge/plan and career goals	Some concerns about motivation and/or research knowledge/plan and career goals	Motivation not stressed, limited research knowledge/plan no statement of career goals
Comments:					
Fit to program	Excellent fit to primary advisor named and program	Excellent fit to program with a different primary advisor than first named	Good fit to program and primary advisor	Good fit to program but not to advisors named	Not a good fit to program or advisors named
Comments:					
Barriers/Challenges/Resilience	Has overcome major challenges and demonstrated resilience	Has overcome significant challenges with resilience	Has overcome minor challenges with resilience	Possible challenges expressed, no statement of overcoming	No barriers or challenges expressed
Comments:					
Leadership / Mentoring (clubs, RA mentoring, running colloquia, supervising etc)	Excellent Leadership / mentoring skills	Very good leadership / mentoring	Applicable leadership / mentoring	Some leadership / mentoring experience	No mentoring / leadership experience
Comments:					
Total Score:					
General comments:					
Interview: Yes. No.					