

Dear Prospective Applicant:

Thank you for your request for information about our doctoral program in counseling psychology. The application deadline for admission to begin the program in the fall of 2004 is January 16, 2004. Enclosed is a booklet that describes admission procedures and curriculum requirements and also the application materials. Our doctoral program is fully accredited by the American Psychological Association. The program is based on a scientist/professional model of training with emphasis on research as a complementary component to practice.

To be admitted to doctoral study in counseling psychology, you must apply to both the Graduate School and the department. Graduate School application materials will be forwarded to you under separate cover if it appears that you had not already contacted that office (765/285-1297; [gradschool@bsu.edu](mailto:gradschool@bsu.edu)). Inquiries about financial aid should be directed to Scholarship and Financial Aid (765/285-5600; [finaid@bsu.edu](mailto:finaid@bsu.edu)). Housing information can be obtained by contacting Housing/Residence Life (765/285-8011; [athome@bsu.edu](mailto:athome@bsu.edu)). If you are not a citizen of the United States, you must apply through the Center for International Programs (765/285-5422; [intadmit@bsu.edu](mailto:intadmit@bsu.edu)), instead of the Graduate School.

Doctoral assistantships are available for all doctoral students in their first and second year in the program and are typically available at a lower stipend for the third year. First-year doctoral students are required to take an assistantship, but an exception can be made for one student if necessary. (Only one entering student per year will be allowed this option.) Any doctoral student may choose to decline the assistantship for the second and third year if desired. Assistantships are also available for students pursuing a Master's degree on the way to a doctorate. Students (including those who are out of state) on assistantship receive a full waiver of tuition but are responsible for paying a dedicated fee, which is currently approximately \$779.00. Stipends typically range from \$5000-\$8200.

Ball State University is committed to increasing the enrollment and professional representation of students from diverse cultural, ethnic, and religious communities. This commitment has resulted in the establishment of a Multicultural Programming Committee within the department. The enclosed booklet explains the goals of this committee.

Thank you for your interest in our program and for considering Ball State University for your doctoral study. If we can be of further assistance or if you would like to visit the department, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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