**CSUN Psychology MA Programs**

**Psychological Science & Clinical Psychology**

**Recommendation Form**

**Submit this form and all other materials by:**

**January 15th** for Fall Admission

**Psychological Science & Clinical Psychology MA Programs**

Psychology Department

California State University, Northridge

18111 Nordhoff Street • Northridge, CA 91330-8255

or Email to: psychgrad@csun.edu

**RECOMMENDER:** Please email your letter of recommendation and this completed form to **psychgrad@csun.edu.** Please note that your recommendation will not be reviewed by the applicant when waived by the applicant.

In reviewing applications, we will consider the following qualities and characteristics:

* **Persistence**. The ability to learn new skills, show resilience and successfully complete the program’s coursework and thesis project.
* **Investment**. A demonstrated interest in psychological science and focus on doctoral studies or a career in psychological science.
* **Intellectual** **Curiosity**. The capacity to become an informed consumer of science, as demonstrated through critical reasoning and divergent thinking.
* **Coachability**. The capacity to receive feedback, think flexibly, and be open to experiences, ideas, and teamwork in diverse settings.
* **Initiative**. A demonstrated ability to be self-starting and to work cooperatively and learn independently while balancing competing obligations.

How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant?

In comparison to other students whom you have known, how would you rate this applicant in terms of:

Indicate comparison group: Undergraduate students  Graduate students

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|  | Superior  95-100% | Excellent  90-94% | Very Good  80-89% | Good  70-79% | Fair  50-69% | Poor  0-49% | Unable to Judge |
| Persistence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Investment |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Intellectual Curiosity |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Coachability |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Initiative |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Academic knowledge |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Demonstrated research ability |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ability to work with others |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ability to work independently |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Writing skills |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Speaking skills |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Conceptual ability |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Productivity |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Receptivity to criticism |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Perseverance toward goals |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Appreciation of diversity |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

If your university has or did have an MA program in psychology, would you be willing to accept this student into your program: Yes  No

If no, please explain.

In your accompanying letter, please comment on any of these categories or other areas that you think would be helpful in assessing the applicant’s qualifications for the program. Please include any information related to the applicant’s personal characteristics that should be considered by the admissions committee in assessing the applicant’s capacity to succeed in graduate study and professional work.

**Overall Recommendation**

Strongly Recommend  Recommend  Recommend with some reservations  Do not recommend

I acknowledge that typing my name on the line below serves as my legal signature.

Recommender’s Signature       Date

Recommender's E-mail       Telephone (       )

For information regarding this form, please send all inquiries to psychgrad@csun.edu

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