

# Next-Gen Psych Scholars Program

Are you considering applying to psychology PhD programs this year or in the near future? Participate in the Next-Gen Psych Scholars Program (NPSP)!

University of Minnesota's [developmental](#) and [psychology](#) departments are teaming up to offer a graduate student-led mentorship program for underrepresented (i.e. BIPOC, low-income, first-gen, LGBTQ+) undergraduates and post-baccalaureates interested in applying to psychology PhD programs.



The goal of NPSP is to cultivate long-term support structures between current underrepresented graduate students and diverse undergrad or post-baccalaureate mentees to (1) embrace and celebrate the unique journeys that have led current graduate students to pursue a PhD and (2) inspire and empower the next generation of scholars while enhancing feelings of belonging in academia. Although the process of applying to graduate school will be outlined, we will spend a significant amount of time discussing how to both challenge and navigate the "hidden curriculum" (e.g., networking, advocating for yourself) of academia as well as the hardships experienced by underrepresented students.

The program will consist of a series of virtual information sessions and small group workshops via Zoom and Slack. **Sessions will take place on Saturday, 11/14 (time TBD) and will include:**

- Individual journeys--highlighting both challenges and successes--that led current underrepresented graduate students to pursue a PhD
- Considerations for choosing a program
- The admissions process and application tips (led by faculty)
- Navigating the hidden curriculum
- Fellowships and paid post-baccalaureate opportunities

In small group and one-on-one mentorship, participants will be paired with current graduate students to discuss their grad school plans and/or to workshop any application materials. *As a show of appreciation for graduate students' time and to honor the diverse perspectives they share with mentees, each graduate student is paid a consulting fee thanks to the generous support from the [UMN Tri Psych Diversity Fund](#).*

**Interested applicants should fill out [this survey](#) by 11/6.** All are welcome to attend the information sessions, but preference for one-on-one mentorship will be given to undergrads/postbacs who identify as a member of an underrepresented group (i.e. BIPOC, low-income, first-gen, LGBTQ+).

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