

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE INSTRUCTIONS: Please include a statement of purpose essay covering all of the following questions (essay should be two pages, single-spaced, in a 12-point font):

- Why do you want to earn a PhD in psychology? Include how your educational preparation, research experience, professional clinical experiences, and/or other experiences have contributed to your decision to pursue a PhD in psychology.
- What are your career goals? Explain what you plan to do with your degree and how graduate school will contribute to your career goals.
- Why you are specifically applying to the Psychology Department at the University of Wyoming?
- What are your research interests, skills, and aspirations? Include how your research experiences have shaped your research interests and your research goals. Indicate the faculty member(s) with whom you would like to work. Describe how your research interests and experiences fit with those of that mentor or lab.
- For those applying to the Clinical Psychology program, describe your clinical interests and aspirations (include your clinically-relevant experiences — paid or volunteer — and how they have shaped your clinical interests).