

Brain, Behavior & Quantitative Science (BBQ) Application Instructions

For Admissions or Application related questions:

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Before Applying


- Please prepare to provide the following items for your application:
 - Current Curriculum Vitae (C.V.) or Resume
 - Statement of Purpose
 - Three (3) names of recommenders
 - List of relevant courses completed
 - Copies of official transcripts from all institutions attended
 - Potential Advisor choice in BBQ
 - [English Proficiency Scores](#) (Non-Native English Speakers)
 - **Optional: GRE Scores**

Applying to the Program

- Applications are accepted generally from September-November 15th for the following Fall Semester admission.

Accessing the Application

1. Navigate to the [KU Graduate Admissions webpage](#) and click “Apply”
2. Select your status of application: Returning user (Click Log in) or First-Time user (Click Create an account). If you have not submitted an application to KU before Spring 2022, you will need to create an account.


Admissions

Applying to the University of Kansas

Thank you for your interest in the University of Kansas. Please follow the instructions below to begin or continue your application.

Returning users:

[Log in](#) to continue an application.

First-time users:

[Create an account](#) to start a new application.

If you encounter issues creating an account or logging into your existing account, please contact us:

Lawrence/Edwards Campuses
graduateadm@ku.edu
 785-864-3140

KU Medical Center
kumcadmissions@kumc.edu
 913-945-7347

3. Once you have created an account, you may login to the application using your chosen email address and password.

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Login

To log in, please enter your email address and password.

Email Address

Password [Forgot Your Password?](#)

Login

4. Once logged in, you will have the option of Starting a New Application or continuing work on a previous application. To open a previous application, click the title of the application.

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Your Applications	
Type	Status
You have started 3 applications using this account.	
Lawrence/Edwards Graduate Application Art (MFA) (Fall 2022)	In Progress
Lawrence/Edwards Graduate Application Psychology (MA/PhD) (Fall 2022)	In Progress
Lawrence/Edwards Graduate Application Psychology (MA/PhD) (Fall 2021)	Awaiting Payment

[Start New Application](#)

5. If starting a new application, Select “Start New Application” below your In-Progress applications. When selecting “Start New Application” you will be prompted to Select your application term. Once you have chosen a term

from the drop down, select Lawrence/Edwards Graduate Application and select Create Application from the pop-up to continue.

Start New Application ×

APPLICATION TYPES:
In the dropdowns below:

- To get started, select the year in which you want to start at KU
- Select [Lawrence/Edwards](#) for programs on the [KU Lawrence or KU Edwards campuses](#) or [Medical Center](#) for programs at [KU Medical Center](#).

If you are not sure which application type to select, please click the links above to see a list of programs at each location.

Select an application type:

2024 ▾

Lawrence/Edwards Graduate Application 2024 ▾

Create Application Cancel

6. Once you select “Create Application” an application will be made and another pop-up will display. From this pop-up you can select “Open Application.”

Application Details ×

Started	09/20/2021
Status	In Progress
	2022
	Lawrence/Edwards Graduate Application

Open Application Cancel

7. This will open the application and you can begin completing your information or start where you ended your last session. Complete your information completely.
8. Once you navigate to the Program Information section of the application, you will need to select your Academic Intention, Academic Area of Interest, Academic Program, and Entry Term. Your screen should appear similar to the screenshot below.

Home

Personal Background

Student Details

Graduate Program Info

Entry Term

SBS Supplement

Academic History

Recommendations

Additional Information

Statement of Purpose

Resume or CV

Signature

Review

Graduate Program Info

All programs are listed by their official name. Some programs may have specific tracks or areas of interest called subplans. To learn more about our programs and their deadlines, location offerings, and available terms, please [visit this page](#).

*** Denotes required field**

This page will adapt based on your answers to the questions. Not all programs are offered at all locations. If you do not find the program you are looking for, try selecting a different campus. It is your responsibility to verify you are applying to the program to which you intend to apply. After submission, applications are not transferrable among programs related to applicant error. Some programs have very similar names; verify program selection prior to submitting the application.

Are you applying to a fully online program? *

Yes

No

At which location do you intend to take the majority of your coursework? *

Lawrence (Main Campus)

Overland Park (Edwards Campus)

Leavenworth

Pittsburg

Salina

Academic Intention *

Academic Area of Interest *

Programs are listed under broad Academic Area of Interest categories. If you are unable to find your program, try looking in one of the areas of interest with the largest number of program offerings: Humanities and International Studies, Natural Sciences and Mathematics, or Social and Behavioral Sciences.

Academic Program *

Options are listed as the official program name. Click on "visit this page" above for a listing of program names.

Academic Subplan *

Subplans are a specific track or area of interest. Options are listed as the official subplan name. Click on "visit this page" above for a listing of subplan options. If the field is required based on your answers above and you are not seeking a specific track or modality, choose the "Specialization In..." option.

Please note: this Psychology option is for the following areas of study:

- Brain, Behavioral, and Quantitative Science Psychology
- Clinical Health Psychology
- Clinical Psychology
- Social Psychology

If you are applying to Behavioral Psychology, Clinical Child Psychology, Counseling Psychology, or School Psychology, please re-select that program from the program list above.

Continue

9. If you are interested in being nominated for a fellowship or scholarship, please be sure to select "Yes" for this question under Additional Information.

Are you interested in being nominated by your department for a fellowship or scholarship?

- Yes
 No

10. Complete the remaining sections of the application. If you need to leave the application for any reason, make sure you choose “Save for Later” at the end of the application to return to the “Home” screen.

KU Psychology: Brain, Behavior, and Quantitative Science Program
Process for Selection of Graduate Students
October 6, 2023

Currently, an application consists of the following information:

- Information on the application
- List of academic honors, election to honorary societies, distinctions, scholarships, fellowships, publications, professional society memberships.
- List of relevant courses taken.
- Curriculum Vitae
- Statement of Purpose
- Undergraduate transcripts
- Graduate transcripts (if applicable)
- GRE Scores (optional for 2023)
- TOEFL Scores (for international students)
- 3 Letter of Recommendation
- Identified potential advisor in BBQ

We will use a multi-step process to identify applicants to extend an offer to. The process will be steered by a BBQ Admissions Committee made up of three faculty members and one graduate student.

Selection Process

Stage 1:

- BBQ faculty members will holistically evaluate the application materials of each of their “potential supervisees” (i.e., applicants who listed them as their primary potential advisor). Faculty may decide to conduct brief one-on-one phone or video interviews with applicants that they would like to learn more about. Based on the application materials (and any one-on-one interviews that take place), each faculty member will ultimately rate each of their potential supervisees on the following 5-point scale:

1. ***An outstanding prospect (with no reservations)***
2. ***A very good prospect (with only minor reservations)***
3. ***A good prospect (with only minor reservations)***
4. ***A fair prospect (with major reservations)***
5. ***A poor prospect (with major reservations)***

Stage 2:

- The BBQ Admissions Committee will holistically evaluate the application materials of *all* applicants and rate each on the same 5-point scale used above. These ratings will be combined with those from Stage 1 to create a “short list” of applicants to invite to our online interview event. Note that, in rare cases, an applicant with a strong average rating may not be invited (e.g., if their potential advisor is not considering applications that cycle and their interests do not align with other potential advisors’).

Stage 3

- The BBQ Admissions Committee will host an online interview event (on January 19th) during which invited applicants will have a chance to meet with BBQ program faculty and graduate students for one-on-one interviews and group information sessions. Each faculty and student who interviews an applicant will provide holistic ratings of that applicant using the same 5-points scale used above.

Stage 4

- The BBQ faculty will meet after the online interview event to discuss the ratings of all short-listed applicants, including any reservations they have. Each faculty member will then (a) decide whether they would like to make an offer to each of their potential supervisees and (b) create a rank-ordering of which potential supervisee they would like to make an offer to first, second, third, and so on.

Stage 5

- The BBQ Admissions Committee will collect these rank-orderings from each faculty member and create a final list of decisions for each applicant. The three possible decisions will be: *reject*, *admit*, or *waitlist*. Applicants who receive a reject decision will not be made an offer to join the BBQ program this cycle, applicants who receive an admit decision will be made an offer to join the BBQ program, and applicants who receive a waitlist decision will be considered for admission in the event that other admitted applicants turn down the offer.

- Applicants who receive an admit or waitlist decision will be invited to attend an in-person campus visit (in February) to learn more about the program, university, and campus. Note that this visit will be optional and is not an interview (i.e., it occurs *after* the decisions have already been made).