

# UNT DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY

## 2026 Graduate Scholarships & Awards Guide

### DEADLINES & INFORMATION

- **Application Period:** February 2 – March 6, 2026
- **Maximum Applications:** Up to 3 scholarships per student
- **Submission Email:** PSYC-grad@unt.edu

This document serves as a quick reference guide to scholarships and awards for current graduate students in the Department of Psychology at the University of North Texas. It summarizes key eligibility requirements and application instructions to support students in identifying potential scholarship opportunities. Applicants should carefully review eligibility criteria and submission guidelines to ensure a complete application. Please note that applicants should refer to the official UNT Psychology Scholarships & Awards webpages for the most up-to-date information.

### GENERAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS (All Scholarships)

- ✓ Doctoral student in good standing in the Department of Psychology
- ✓ Currently enrolled as a full-time student at UNT
- ✓ Must maintain full-time status for the next academic year upon receiving an award (unless fewer than 18 credits remain to graduate)
- ✓ Meet all specific requirements for each scholarship applied for
- ✓ Cannot reapply for scholarships/awards previously received

### POST-AWARD REQUIREMENTS

- ✓ Sign Scholarship Agreement
- ✓ Provide thank you letter to scholarship donor
- ✓ Submit short biography and narrative of accomplishments

### STANDARD MATERIALS

- ✓ Application Cover Page
- ✓ Unofficial Transcript
- ✓ CV
- ✓ Additional materials vary by scholarship (see tables below)

### QUICK TIPS

- ✓ Start preparing materials early
- ✓ Request letters 3-4 weeks before deadline
- ✓ Proofread thoroughly (e.g., grammar, spelling, word limits)
- ✓ Incomplete or improperly formatted applications will NOT be considered

## ALL DOCTORAL PROGRAMS

| Scholarship Name   | Amount           | Year | Specific Eligibility   | Selection Criteria  | Additional Required Materials   |
|--|------------------|------|--|---|---|
| Charlotte Friedersdorff Boyd Memorial Scholarship for Outstanding Graduate Student | At least \$1,000 | Any  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Full-time enrollment</li> <li>• Meet minimum and continuing academic performance standards</li> </ul>   | Superior achievement, dedication to dept/profession, excellence in research, teaching, and service        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A statement (750 words max) describing your professional activities, including research, teaching, and service</li> </ul>              |
| Ernest H. Harrell Memorial Scholarship   | At least \$1,000 | 3rd+ | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Show promise for a research/academic career.</li> <li>• Research interest in physiological, health, or neuropsychology stress</li> <li>• Min. 1 publication OR presentation at a national conference</li> <li>• Meet minimum and continuing academic performance standards</li> </ul> | Promise for research/academic career in specified areas   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A career/research goals statement (750 words max)</li> <li>• A copy of your publication/presentation</li> </ul>                        |
| Frank Collins Memorial Scholarship   | At least \$1,000 | Any  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• APA-accredited program (Clinical, Clinical Health, Counseling)</li> <li>• Full-time enrollment</li> <li>• Good standing</li> </ul>  | Strong evidence of a research career trajectory, usually in preparation for a research career in academia | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A career/research goals statement (750-1000 words)</li> <li>• A summary of your thesis/dissertation project (500 words max)</li> </ul> |

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|---|---------|----------|--|---|---|
| Outstanding Thesis Award                | \$1,000 | Any      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thesis must be defended by the time of application</li> <li>• Must be nominated by faculty advisor</li> </ul>       | Outstanding research accomplishments        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A 500-word summary of your thesis and the impact of the research</li> <li>• A copy of your completed thesis</li> <li>• A reference letter from your faculty advisor nominating you for this award</li> <li>• A letter of recommendation from a faculty member who can speak to your abilities</li> </ul> |
| Outstanding Dissertation Award          | \$1,000 | Advanced | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dissertation must be defended by the time of application</li> <li>• Must be nominated by faculty advisor</li> </ul> | Outstanding research accomplishments        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A 500-word summary of your dissertation and the impact of the research</li> <li>• A copy of dissertation</li> <li>• A reference letter from your faculty advisor nominating you for this award</li> <li>• A letter of recommendation from a faculty member who can speak to your abilities</li> </ul>    |
| Outstanding Scholarly Publication Award | \$1,000 | Any      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First author on peer-reviewed publication</li> <li>• Published or accepted by the time of application</li> </ul>    | Scientific/scholarly publication excellence | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A copy of manuscript</li> <li>• The impact factor of the journal in which it was published</li> <li>• If in press: editor acceptance letter</li> </ul>   |

\* Note: This scholarship award is subject to availability of funding. May not be awarded every year.

## CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY

| Scholarship Name                  | Amount               | Year     | Specific Eligibility  | Selection Criteria                              | Additional Materials  |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|----------|---|---|---|
| Anna Wright Memorial Scholarship  | At least \$1,000     | Any      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clinical Psychology doctoral student</li> <li>Currently in practicum at UNT Psychology Clinic</li> <li>Min. 3.0 GPA</li> <li>Full-time enrollment</li> </ul>             | Strong academic performance in clinical program | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A statement (750 words max) describing accomplishments in the clinical psychology program while at UNT</li> </ul>  |
| Rogers Excellence Award (REA-CP)* | Travel Reimbursement | Advanced | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>First author</b> on psychology article (theoretical or empirical) written at UNT</li> <li>Published/accepted in journal with <b>impact factor &gt; 1.0</b></li> </ul> | Travel support for internship applications      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A copy of first-authored article (highlight in the copy where the sample was collected)</li> <li>A copy from the journal's official website documenting the journal's impact factor</li> </ul> |

\* Notes:

- Rogers Academic Career Award in Clinical Psychology (RACA-CP) \*Not to be awarded for the 2026 - 2027 academic year.
- Rogers Excellence Award in Clinical Psychology (REA-CP) \*May award more than one award for the 2026 - 2027 academic year.

## COUNSELING PSYCHOLOGY

| Scholarship Name                                 | Amount           | Year | Specific Eligibility  | Selection Criteria  | Additional Materials   |
|--|------------------|------|---|---|--|
| Ray W. Johnson Counseling Psychology Scholarship | At least \$1,000 | 5th+ | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Counseling Psychology only</li> <li>• Successful completion of Ph.D. requirements by end of 4th year (documented by the program's annual progress reviews]</li> <li>• Evidence of scholarship beyond degree requirements</li> <li>• NOT on/completed internship</li> </ul> | Investment in scholarly activity, timely progress toward completion | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A letter to the ASA committee outlining planned/expected activities indicating progress toward completion of degree requirements for the year of the award</li> <li>• A timetable for completion of all degree requirements for graduation</li> </ul> |

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## HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION (Step-by-Step)

### 1. Prepare Your Documents

Gather all required materials for each scholarship: Application Cover Sheet, unofficial transcript, CV, and scholarship-specific documents (e.g., essays, recommendation letters, etc.). Ensure all statements are within word limits.

### 2. Combine into ONE PDF File

Combine all materials associated with each scholarship into one PDF file, following the document order indicated on the coversheet.

### 3. Name your PDF File Correctly

Use this exact format: **[YEAR]\_[Scholarship Name]\_[Last Name].pdf**

Example: 2026\_Outstanding Dissertation Award\_Yang.pdf

### 4. Email Your Application

To: PSYC-grad@unt.edu

Subject Line Format: **[Scholarship Name] – [Last Name]**

Example: Outstanding Dissertation Award – Yang

### 5. Applying for Multiple Scholarships?

Create a separate PDF for each scholarship and send separate emails. You may apply for up to 3 scholarships total.

If applying for multiple scholarships, you will be asked to rank your top three choices on the cover sheet.

### Notes

- Applications that are incomplete, do not follow submission instructions, or are submitted after the deadline will **NOT** be considered.
- Late submissions will not be accepted under any circumstances.
- Awards are subject to availability of funds and departmental review.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

- **Application Submission:** [PSYC-grad@unt.edu](mailto:PSYC-grad@unt.edu)
  - **Department of Psychology:** Terrill Hall 316, UNT - DEPT of PSYCH, #311280, 1155 Union Circle, Denton, TX 76203
  - **Website:** <https://class.unt.edu/psychology/scholarships-awards/>
  - **Phone:** (940) 565-2671
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### Disclaimer

This guide is prepared by the Scholarship Committee using information available on the department website (see above). The availability and amounts of awards are subject to change based on funding. All information is current as of January 2026.