

PSI CHI

THE NATIONAL HONOR
SOCIETY IN PSYCHOLOGY



The purpose of Psi Chi shall be to encourage, stimulate, and maintain excellence in scholarship of the individual members in all fields, particularly in psychology, and to advance the science of psychology.

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Member of the Association of College
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PSI CHI AT UCI

The UCI chapter of Psi Chi accepts
new members twice a year.

Applications are available in October
and in April.

Membership requirements include:
upper division standing, at least two
quarters of work at UCI, at least four
upper division psychology courses,
GPA in the upper 10% of the class,
and a letter of recommendation for a
psychology faculty member.

Please watch your email for
announcements concerning
applications and due dates.

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WHAT IS PSI CHI?

Psi Chi is the National Honor Society in Psychology, founded in 1929 for the purpose of encouraging, stimulating, and maintaining excellence in scholarship and advancing the science of psychology. Membership is open to graduate and undergraduate men and women who are making the study of psychology one of their major interests and who meet the minimum qualifications, (listed on the other side of this pamphlet). Psi Chi is a member of the Association of College Honor Societies (ACHS) and is an affiliate of the American Psychological Association (APA) and the American Psychological Society (APS).

Psi Chi functions as a federation of chapters located at more than 940 senior colleges and universities. A National Council, composed of psychologists who are Psi Chi members and who are elected by the chapters, guides the affairs of the organization and sets policy with the approval of the chapters.

HOW DO I JOIN?

Students become members by joining the chapter at the school where they are enrolled. Psi Chi chapters are operated by student officers and faculty advisors. Together they select and induct the members and carry out the goals of the Society. Because the officers and faculty advisors are volunteers and their time is limited, anyone interested in joining Psi Chi should take the initiative and contact the psychology department, the faculty advisor, and /or the local officers. If there is no chapter, it is worthwhile for qualified students to start a Psi Chi chapter.

All chapters register their inductees at the Psi Chi National Office, where the membership records are preserved for reference purposes. The total number of members recorded at the National Office during the first 70 years is over 360,00; many of these members have gone on to distinguished careers in psychology.

WHAT ARE THE GOALS OF PSI CHI?

Psi Chi serves two major goals—one immediate and visibly rewarding to the individual member, the other slower and more difficult to accomplish but offering greater rewards in the long run.

The first of these is the Society's obligation to provide academic recognition to its inductees by the mere fact of membership.

The second goal is the obligation of each of the Society's local chapters to make active attempts to nourish and stimulate professional growth through programs designed to augment and enhance the regular curriculum and to provide practical experience and fellowship through affiliation with the chapter.

In addition, the natural organization provides programs to help achieve these goals, including national and regional conventions held annually in conjunction with the psychological associations, research award competitions, certificate recognition programs, national and regional chapter awards, and national service projects. Also, the society publishes *Eye on Psi Chi*, which helps to unite and inform the members and to recognize their contributions and accomplishments, and the *Psi Chi Journal of Undergraduate Research*, a national, fully reviewed, quarterly journal dedicated to the publication of student research.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?

◆ The intrinsic value of membership is rewarding to the achiever in that recognition of excellence lead to self-fulfillment and thus self-realization. By recognizing that what **you** do *does* make a difference, you are stimulated to higher productivity. Accomplishments are enjoyed more when shared with others. Furthermore, the contacts made through Psi Chi will be valuable throughout your educational and professional careers.

- ◆ Concrete advantages of membership include:
 - The documents---a membership certificate and card which give tangible evidence of membership
 - The references provided through one's lifetime (this service alone is worth the investment).
 - The experience gained by working with Psi Chi is excellent for building a resume; it is difficult to attain the first managerial and creative experience.
 - Psi Chi is a springboard for professional growth. Opportunities are made available to the members for promoting their research, receiving national and international recognition, meeting and interacting with leaders in their field and meeting other Psi Chi members of other chapters who will be future leaders.
 - The United States government recognizes membership in Psi Chi as meeting one of the requirements for entrance at the GS-7 level in federal service.

Climaxing the benefits mentioned above is knowing that many individuals, by their caring, dedication, perseverance, and hard work, have made it possible to encourage other young persons interested in psychology to strive for excellence---to reach toward that attainable star.

The ultimate test of the value of any membership organization lies in the accomplishment of its members. In each year of Psi Chi's history, more and more members have undertaken graduate studies. Now in its 70th year, Psi Chi is well represented in the professional ranks of all the behavioral sciences. The membership directories of the American Psychological Society are studded with the names of Psi Chi members, both active and alumni. This is only one example demonstrating that the Society's purposes are being fulfilled.