

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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Ninth International Congress of Psychology,
Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut

Member of the Association of College
Honor Societies

PSI CHI AT UCI

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

Invitations are sent by email no later
than November 15 and April 15.

Invitations are sent to undergraduate
majors in Psychology or Psychology
and Social Behavior who meet the
following criteria:

1. Junior or Senior status
2. Completed at least two quarters
at UCI
3. Completed at least four upper
division psychology courses
4. Psychology GPA in the upper
10% of the major
5. Overall GPA of at least 3.3

Invitees will be asked to provide a
letter of recommendation from a
psychology professor, and evidence of
a genuine interest in psychology (e.g.,
volunteering in a lab or clinic)

Questions should be sent to
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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 1,100 colleges and universities across the U.S., Canada, the Caribbean, and Ireland. 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?

All Psychology or Psychology and Social Behavior majors who meet the criteria listed above will be invited by email to join the UCI chapter of Psi Chi no later than November 15th and April 15th. Once the invitation has been received, interested students must submit: (i) a letter of recommendation from a psychology professor (a form will be provided in the invitation email), and (ii) evidence of a genuine interest in psychology (e.g.,

volunteering in a lab or clinic, attending a psychology lecture series).

Inductees must pay a **one-time** lifetime membership fee of \$55. Inductees will be registered at the Psi Chi National Office, where the membership records are preserved for reference purposes, and will receive membership cards and pins at the yearly induction ceremony held at UCI each May.

Although this invitation process targets psychology majors, non-psychology majors (e.g., Philosophy, Computer Science) who otherwise meet the membership criteria and have a genuine interest in psychology may apply by contacting Dr. Christine Lofgren directly (christine.lofgren@uci.edu).

WHAT ARE THE GOALS OF PSI CHI?

Psi Chi serves two major goals. 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 national 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 leads to self-fulfillment and thus to self-realization. Furthermore, the contacts made through Psi Chi will be valuable throughout your educational and professional careers.

Concrete benefits of membership include:

- The **documents**---a membership certificate and card which give tangible evidence of membership.
- The **experience** gained by working with Psi Chi is excellent for building up a resumé; it is difficult to attain that 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 Psi Chi members of other chapters who also 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 the Federal service.