

FAQs for PPREP 2020

Q1. What is PPREP?

PPREP stands for Prospective Ph.D. & R.A. Event in Psychology. The aim of the program is to provide opportunities for direct mentorship to students from historically minoritized groups who may be considering advanced education or careers in psychology. The program will include a weekend of **free, online** panel discussions and application workshops with students, post-docs, and faculty. Participants will also be paired with a current member of our psychology department (i.e., faculty, post-doc, and/or graduate student) who will provide structured feedback on the materials you intend to use to apply to research positions and advanced degree opportunities in psychology.

Q2. How can I apply to PPREP?

You can apply to PPREP [here!](#)

Q3. Do I need to have any materials, such as a personal statement or a research statement, to apply to PPREP?

You don't need to have any specific material in order to apply to PPREP! The application form is straight-forward and includes questions about your background and the identities that you hold, as well as a few short answer questions about who you are and why you're interested in this program. The application is meant to be very informal!

Q4. How much does it cost to apply to PPREP 2020?

Nothing! PPREP is a **free, online** event. It will cost nothing to apply or to take part in the event.

Q5. I'm not entirely sure what I want to do my PhD in. Can I still apply to PPREP?

Any prospective student can apply to PPREP 2020. However, priority will be given to individuals who are planning on applying for full-time employment in research positions and advanced degree opportunities in psychology in the Fall 2020 cycle.

Q6. I don't want to go to graduate school at Harvard. Can I still apply to PPREP 2020?

Absolutely! The aim of PPREP is to provide mentorship and guidance to all prospective students, regardless of where you apply. There is no expectation or requirement that your participation in this event will be in service of applying to Harvard. Students selected to partake in PPREP are free to apply to any graduate program of their choosing (though, we do hope you will consider us)!

Q7. What is the goal of PPREP?

The Harvard Psychology Department is actively and intentionally committing to building an inclusive field. The purpose of PPREP 2020 is to facilitate access to information, connections, and opportunities for students from historically minoritized groups who may be considering a career in psychology. Interested applicants from anywhere and everywhere are invited to apply. However, we strongly encourage individuals from underrepresented and historically minoritized groups to apply to attend PPREP 2020, including but not limited to, non-cis-gendered individuals, members of the queer community, BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and People of Color), first-generation college students, and those from low-income / low-resource backgrounds.

Q8. Are there any other similar events or initiatives that I should be aware of?

Other universities such as [Stanford](#), [Michigan](#), and [Yale](#) are hosting similar mentorship programs. Furthermore, Department of Psychology at Harvard is also developing an informational resource PRO-TiP (Ph.D. & R.A. Online Tips Page). PRO-TiP will consist of videos from faculty where they talk about their approach to graduate and RA applications. Selected faculty from each of the four primary areas of research (Clinical, Social, Developmental, and Cognition, Brain, and Behavior) will share their insights into what makes for a strong application. They will also answer some of the most frequently asked questions that applicants have. The videos will be shared on the Psychology Department page and will be available publicly.

Q9. I have a question not covered in this FAQ. How can I know more/who do I reach out to?

If you still have any questions regarding PPREP 2020 or PRO-TiP, please reach out to HarvardPsychRecruitment@gmail.com.