

Tuition, fees and financial aid for the PhD program in Clinical Psychology at the Derner Institute

For the 2006-2007 academic year, the flat rate tuition for students in the PhD program in Clinical Psychology in the Derner Institute is \$28,500 yearly, and the typical fees are an additional \$900, bringing the total for tuition and fees to \$29,400.

Funding for students in the Doctoral Program is available in several forms: guaranteed student loans, graduate assistantships, and on-and-off campus employment. Every student applying for financial aid must complete a Financial Aid Application Form and submit a copy to the Associate Dean who chairs the Financial Aid Committee

Loans: Government guaranteed loans are available through the University. Financial need must be demonstrated. Students are assisted in applying for state and federally funded low-interest loans through the Office of Financial Aid, Levermore Hall.

Graduate Assistantships in the Doctoral Program: Currently, every entering student is offered a graduate assistantship. The minimum amount offered is a \$5,000 graduate assistantship. Some students are awarded \$10,000, based on merit and need. Incoming first-year students with unusually impressive academic accomplishments, or unusual financial need, have been offered the larger amounts. The Program is also committed to attracting and retaining racial/ethnic minority applicants, and has offered increased scholarships to qualified applicants. The level of support for assistantships is often increased in the second year or beyond, typically because of outstanding, academic performance, work performance as assistants, or both.

All graduate assistantships are aid-for-service in the form of tuition remission. Each graduate assistant is required to work one hour a week for each \$1000 received during the 30 weeks of the academic year. For example, a student receiving a \$5,000 assistantship is required to work 5 hours a week. Each student is assigned to work with a particular professor or mentor, and must negotiate the exact nature of his/her work with the mentor including when and where the actual work is carried out. It may be five hours every week, a variable schedule, or primarily during intersession or the summer. The tasks graduate assistants carry out also vary considerably including assisting in research, or as teaching assistants, or as administrative assistants within the Derner Institute.

Scholarships and Fellowships: A limited amount of scholarship money is available to New York State residents through the Tuition Assistance Program (TAP). Forms are available in the Office of Financial Aid, Levermore Hall. All students are advised to investigate the possibility of obtaining these funds.