Ph.D. in Child Psychology - Institute of Child Development - University of Minnesota

**Letter of Recommendation Instructions**

Three letters of recommendation are required. Acceptable recommendations will come from current or former professors who can assess your potential for graduate work.

*Please instruct your letter writers to include appraisal of you in as many of the following areas as possible:*

1. How long and in what capacity they have known you
2. Your qualifications compared to those of other students they have known (please cite the reference group)
3. Your potential for completing a doctoral degree
4. Your professional promise
5. Your ability to express views orally and in writing
6. Your personal strengths and weaknesses; interpersonal skill; maturity
7. Your ability to conceptualize and integrate knowledge
8. Your prior interest and performance in research, teaching, and applied areas
9. Your primary interest, if known (in research, teaching, applied areas)
10. Your admissibility to their own graduate program
11. Additional information they think would be useful to the committee