



Clinical Psychology Doctoral Program  
(Psy.D.)

## **Letter of Recommendation Instructions for Letter Writers**

### **Recommenders:**

Thank you for taking the time to write a letter of recommendation for one of our applicants. The Clinical Psychology Doctoral Program at LIU Post is a practitioner-scholar training program that offers both cognitive behavioral therapy and psychodynamic theoretical training to its students. Students who successfully complete the five-year program will receive a Doctor of Psychology Degree, (Psy.D.). When reviewing applications, we look at:

- intellectual aptitude and academic proficiency
- professional accomplishments
- proposed intellectual focus
- potential for completing a rigorous program
- personal maturity
- desire to work with underserved communities
- and “fit” with the PsyD Program training model and mission

Please give a frank assessment of the applicant. The Graduate Admissions Committee seeks your opinion regarding the applicant and your judgment regarding their ability to succeed in the field of clinical psychology. Letters may address academic potential for doctoral-level work, as well as the applicant’s aptitude for work as a clinical psychologist and any previous experiences with the applicant that may speak to those capacities.

Please be sure to:

- Put your recommendation on letterhead (including your full name, address, email, and phone number)
- Include the applicant’s full name
- Indicate how you know the applicant / or in what capacity did you work with them
- Speak to one or more of the above mentioned points of review
- Letters are typically 1-2 pages in length

Submitting Your Letter of Recommendation:

- You will receive a request to submit a letter through the PSYCAS system.
- You must accept this request and upload your letter directly to this system.