

# Student Organizations

Active student organizations include the Psychology Club and Psi Chi (the national honorary in psychology). The groups provide an excellent opportunity to learn more about the field and become more involved with the department. Three [scholarships](#) (Eric S. Knotick Memorial Scholarship, Iseli K. Krauss Scholarship, and the Psychology Endowed Scholarship) and research awards are offered annually.

## Psychology Club



The Clarion University Psychology Club was established to offer students an opportunity to help the community while broadening their understanding of psychology. Throughout the year, the club hosts speakers on various topics in psychology, engages in community service projects, and fundraises for the annual trip to a psychological conference.

In addition, members who regularly attend meetings have the opportunity to interact with their peers to gain advice on classes and explore career opportunities within their chosen discipline. The club also works to involve the university in activities that are important to both psychology students as well as non-psychology students.

## Psi Chi National Honor Society

Psi Chi is the National Honor Society in psychology. Psi Chi seeks to enhance psychology by supporting professional organizations and educational activities. The Clarion chapter of the society encourages and supports student professional development through discussions, speakers and trips to professional meetings. Our chapter has a long record of community service projects which function both to assist others and learn about ourselves. Students who have strong academic records and are interested in psychology are eligible to join.

Psi Chi offers a range of local, regional, and national programs. At the regional level, Psi Chi sponsors conventions in conjunction with the annual Midwestern Psychological Association conference in Chicago. The national organization holds a convention in conjunction with the American Psychological Association, sponsors undergraduate and graduate research award programs, and publishes a quarterly newsletter. National membership in Psi Chi has a one-time only fee of \$35. Local dues are \$10/year, \$6/semester.

### The advantages of membership include:

- Achievement and recognition of excellence
- References provided by faculty and Psi Chi's advisor
- Experience for a resume.

- Professional growth. (There are opportunities to promote research, for national and international recognition, for contacts and interaction with the leaders in their field, and to meet and network with other Psi Chi members of other chapters.)
- Opportunities for federal service. (The United States Government recognizes membership as meeting one of the requirements for entrance at the GS-7 level in federal service.)
- Membership certificate and card which give tangible evidence of membership.

**Students who wish to join Psi Chi must meet the requirements listed below:**

- Completion of eight semester hours in psychology or completion of six semester hours and registration for at least two additional hours.
- Major or minor in psychology
- Rank in the upper 35 percent of class in general scholarship (overall QPA at least 3.0)
- Superior performance in psychology courses (psychology QPA at least 3.2)
- Approval by 75 percent of the members present at a regular meeting of the chapter

If you are interested in joining Psi Chi, fill out an application and return it to one of the Psi Chi officers, the Psi Chi advisor ([Jeanne Slattery](#)), or [Diana Kunselman](#), the Psychology Department secretary. We would like to have you as a member of Psi Chi and need your talents to help make our chapter the best honor society at Clarion University.

**Note:** If you are interested in participating in Psi Chi, but not yet qualified to join, feel free to attend meetings and participate in any non-voting activities.