

Unfortunately, applications are NOT being considered for the Fall 2016 term. You are encouraged to contact other Concordia faculty who also provide excellent mentorship.

Please return to this site in July 2016 to find out whether applications will be considered for Fall 2017 (Deadline: December 2016).

As a rule, Dr. McGrath does not accept Concordia students into the graduate program.

If you are interested in becoming a graduate student in the PPHP Lab, follow these steps:

July: Email Dr. McGrath and explain your research interests to determine whether there is a good “fit” with the current research in the PPHP Lab. Include your CV and transcript. (If there is not a good fit, you may wish to consider applying to work with one of the other excellent faculty members at Concordia who conduct health psychology research: Drs. Ryder, Radomsky, Gouin, O'Connor, Booij.)

Take the GRE (both general & psychology) and have your scores sent to Concordia.

Plan to apply for an external fellowship (CIHR, SSHRC, FRSQ, FQRSC). Rank Concordia among your top three sites. Dr. McGrath is willing to sponsor your application, but this requires advance planning. Students with external scholarships are most likely to be admitted. Every graduate school applicant should apply for at least one fellowship.

August: Carefully read the application criteria and instructions on the psychology website.

www.concordia.ca/artsci/psychology/programs/graduate/faq.html.

October: Prepare your application materials. You will need to include your CV (sections about your education, awards, research experience, clinical experience, presentations and publications, work experience, extracurricular activities), a personal statement, official transcripts, a writing sample, and several additional application forms. Your personal statement should describe past experiences, your current research interests and idea for thesis project, and what you would plan to do after your graduate degree. Your writing sample should be an example of your recent work (class final paper, introduction section of thesis).

November: Apply early. This ensures Dr. McGrath has adequate time to read over your application and follow-up with questions. Email Dr. McGrath to let her know you have submitted your application. Pay close attention to 3 forms in your application. First, on the Psychology Faculty Checklist, rank "McGrath, Jennifer" as one of your top three choices (she cannot look at your application if you do not do this!) Second, on the Research Interests Checklist, rank "Pediatric Psychology" and "Epidemiology & Public Health Psychology" as one of your top three choices. Third, on the Psychology Graduate Applicant Summary Form, check that you are interested in applying for the Concordia Fellowship (and any other fellowships you are eligible for). All materials should be uploaded through the Concordia website by the deadline.

<https://connect2.concordia.ca/concordia/>

December: You will be informed whether you are invited for an interview during the Centre for Clinical Research in Health (CCRH) Annual Health Conference in January. It is possible you may still be short-listed if you are not interviewed.

January: Interviews will be scheduled and applicants will be invited to attend the Centre for Clinical Research in Health (CCRH) Annual Conference in Montreal. This two day event provides applicants a glimpse of Concordia's graduate training program, the state-of-the-art Pediatric Public Health Psychology (PPHP) Lab, the in-house training clinic, current graduate students, and faculty members.