

Mississippi State University, Department of Psychology, Assistant Professor

The Department of Psychology at Mississippi State University invites applications for two tenure-track assistant professor positions in the area of clinical psychology. We seek clinical scientists with a doctoral degree from an APA, CPA, or PCSAS accredited program to join our cadre of research-active faculty and contribute to our APA-accredited clinical psychology Ph.D. program.

The anticipated start date is August 16, 2027. The successful applicant will be expected to develop a robust, extramurally funded research program, contribute to our graduate and undergraduate teaching mission and be eligible for eventual licensure as a psychologist in Mississippi. The psychology department is in a recently renovated building with ample office and lab space. The university offers competitive start-up packages and research support.

[Our department](#) houses doctoral programs in clinical psychology and cognitive science, as well as a large undergraduate major. Mississippi State University has an array of centers and institutes receptive to collaborative research. The National Science Foundation lists Mississippi State University among the nation's top research institutions. We are a land-grant Carnegie R1 institution that values community engagement, and the psychology faculty have ongoing collaborations with several community organizations. These collaborations are further enhanced by Mississippi State University's Extension Service, which houses offices in every county in the state. Over the past three years, Psychology faculty have held awards from the NSF, NIH, SAMHSA, CDC, ONR, and the Office of National Drug Control Policy, giving the department a research portfolio comparable in scale to our college's largest natural science departments. Department faculty are also highly involved in the profession, with multiple faculty having leadership positions in state and national organizations, including the current president of the Mississippi Psychological Association and a member of the Mississippi Board of Psychology. In 2026 and for the eleventh consecutive year, MSU was honored by the national publication *The Chronicle of Higher Education* as a "[Great College to Work For](#)."

We are located in [Starkville, MS](#), voted three years in a row by USA Today readers as the "[Best Small Town in the South](#)." Starkville is one of the three cities making up the Golden Triangle region (population 128,000). The Golden Triangle Regional airport is nearby, and Starkville is an easy drive from Memphis, New Orleans, Jackson, Birmingham, and the Gulf-coast region. Mississippi State University is a perfect location for individuals interested in an R1 university in a vibrant college town, a rich academic culture, and many available outdoor and sports activities.

Interested applicants must apply online at <https://explore.msujobs.msstate.edu/cw/en-us/job/511257?ApplicationSubSourceID=> and attach a cover letter, curriculum vitae, statements on research and teaching, up to three pre/reprints and contact information for at least three professional references. Review of applications will begin October 15, 2026, but applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Questions about the position can be directed to the search committee chair, Dr. Ty Stafford, at tw37@msstate.edu.

Mississippi State University is an equal opportunity institution. Discrimination is prohibited in university employment, programs or activities based on race, color, ethnicity, sex, pregnancy, religion, national origin, disability, age, sexual orientation, genetic information, status as a U.S. veteran, or any other status to the extent protected by applicable law. We always welcome applications from candidates who share our passion for building a community that reflects the composition of our community and student body.