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Dear Interested Applicant,

School psychologists are uniquely qualified professionals that apply their expertise in mental health, learning, and behavior to help children and youth succeed academically, socially, behaviorally, and emotionally. School psychologists partner with families, teachers, and other professionals to create safe, healthy, and supportive learning environments that strengthen connections between home, school, and the community. School psychology is ranked #1 among social service jobs in the *U.S. News and World Report's* Best Job rankings in 2014 based on a variety of factors, including salary, job satisfaction, and upward mobility. General information on the field of school psychology can be found on the National Association of School Psychologists website ([nasponline.org](http://nasponline.org)).

The School Psychology program at URI offers both a three-year specialist level program leading to a Master's of Science degree in school psychology, and a Ph.D. in psychology with a specialization in school psychology. Our program has **high standards**. Both degree tracks are accredited and approved by national organizations, indicating that we deliver high quality graduate education. Faculty and students work together in a **collaborative environment** in the classroom, on projects in the community, and through engaging research. Lastly, our program is **small in size**, allowing for individual attention and support for graduate student work and development.

We welcome all applicants, especially those with diverse ethnic, linguistic, and cultural backgrounds, who would contribute to the mission of the program, department, and university. Our program strives to provide financial support for students from diverse backgrounds, emphasize multicultural issues and training in our curriculum, and arrange student practicum placements in diverse settings. Currently, across both of our programs, 40 percent of our graduate students are from diverse backgrounds.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration in reading about our program. More information can be found on our website at <http://web.uri.edu/psychology/academics/>. Additionally, students with an interest in our program can speak to someone directly by phone at (401) 874-4225 or by email at [school@etal.uri.edu](mailto:school@etal.uri.edu).

Sincerely,

Jeniffer Cruz and Erin Churchill

School Psychology Graduate Admissions

On behalf of Dr. Gary Stoner, Program Director