The **MAPS** Research Project . . . .

*Exploring Pathways to Actualize Student Potential.*

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Founder & Director of the

**MAPS Research Project**

This project is a formal, systematic educational research program, exploring the differences between the resilient and the at-risk student. Exploration of various social and psychological factors is conducted to ascertain which variables or sets of variables contribute to this lack of academic success.

The MAPS project is currently expanding into a new dynamic area of research investigating “The Effects of Stereotype Threat on Academic Performance.” The MAPS project is also developing an intervention aimed at “Reducing the Effects of Stereotype Threat on Educational Quality of Life for Students of Color.”

Research Interns will receive training in basic and applied research principles and gain experience in drafting assessments, coding, data entry, and analyzing results. Motivated students will have the opportunity to prepare and present posters at professional meetings and co-author articles, depending on the nature of their contributions to the overall project.

The MAPS project offers Experience and Mentorship in psychological research providing the knowledge and training necessary to make a student more marketable for acceptance to a competitive, research-based graduate programs in psychology.

**Note:** Application on backside
Name: ________________________________

College Standing (Please circle one):  Freshman  Sophomore  Junior  Senior

Please indicate whether you have taken any of the following classes:

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Your Overall GPA: ________________________________

Your GPA in major of Psychology: ________________________________

(Please attach unofficial transcript or DARS)

What are your aspirations for graduate school (if any)?

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What Interests you about Dr. Grant’s MAPS Research Project?

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What do you hope to learn?

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Are you willing to commit to a two semester involvement in the (please circle)  Yes  No  Maybe

And available to START with lab orientation and putting in some hours on the MAPS Project this summer? (please circle)  Yes  No  Maybe

You may be eligible to receive units (i.e., up to 3 units each semester of either Psy 499 or Psy 498 for a total of 6 units)? For your work on the MAPS Project

Where can you be reached?

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Call for Applications are at the end of each Spring semester (i.e., last day of instruction). After reviewing all submitted applications, you will be scheduled for an interview with the MAPS Advisory Board soon after final examinations; acceptance decisions will be made approximately one week later.