

Administrative Support and Resources for Students

Both administrative and technical support is provided for the clinical program, including computer services. All students have access to a computer within their research lab or through the department's computer lab. This lab is supplied with the latest Windows and Mac PCs equipped for word-processing (MS Word), presentation (Power Point), data management (Excel), and data analysis (SPSS, HLM, Mplus). The department has four full-time IT technicians who provide consultation to students and faculty for computer-related needs. In addition, students receive a departmental e-mail account.

The clinical program shares with the Department the services of several other support staff (2.5 research grants/financial managers, an assistant HR manager, 3 general departmental secretaries). In addition, the Department provides the clinical program with a half-time administrative assistant and a half-time assistant for the Psychological Services Center (PSC) (training clinic).

Physical facilities on the Coral Gables Campus and associated Medical School Campus sites are excellent. The Department is located on the Coral Gables Campus in the Flipse Building, with 54,000 feet of office, laboratory and classroom space that houses the faculty, graduate students, and several research labs, as well as the Department's Psychological Services Center (training clinic) and Center for Autism and Related Disabilities (an affiliated clinic). Also on the Coral Gables Campus is the newly built Neuroscience and Health Annex, which houses laboratory space for behavioral neuroscience (including a neuroimaging suite with a 3T fMRI) and a state-of-the-art animal vivarium for animal research. The Behavioral Medicine Research Building is also on the Coral Gables Campus and provides space for group computer-mediated experiments, obesity research, and statistical consulting facilities. On the Medical Campus, the department has extensive research facilities (Behavioral Medicine Research Center) at the Clinical Research Building.

All students have office space in the Flipse Building, with office furniture, bookshelves and other basic materials. Most offices are equipped with PCs that have Internet access in order to facilitate literature searches, data analysis, manuscript and report writing, and e-mail access.

In addition, students have access to the several Psychosocial Intervention facilities made available through our training and research grants. For instance, we are conducting clinical trials testing the effects of group-based cognitive-behavioral stress management in a variety of medical populations. These projects allow us space, materials and other resources with which to conduct a large volume of intervention-related research. These resources include, for example, individual and group therapy rooms equipped with two-way observation mirrors and recording equipment within our Behavioral Medicine Research Center.