



Western Psychological Association

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Letter of Support for Students Attending the Western Psychological Association Convention

The Western Psychological Association (WPA) was founded in 1921 to stimulate the exchange of scientific and professional ideas among students, professors, and practitioners of psychology. WPA Presidents and members have included the top psychologists in the world including Albert Bandura, Gordon Bower, Christina Maslach, Philip Zimbardo, and Elizabeth Loftus. Because of the relatively small size of the annual convention (about 1,400 psychologists and students), students in attendance have exciting opportunities to actually meet, closely interact with, and learn from the best psychologists in the field. Students participate by presenting papers and posters that feature their research undertaken with their professors. They also attend presentations, informal conversation hours, and receptions. Thus, WPA serves as a major and unique vehicle for students to enhance their educational experience and learn about professional careers as psychologists.

The 2010 convention will be held April 22-25 in Cancun, Mexico. The decision to hold the convention in Cancun was based on our growing interest in internationalizing psychology and on the need to consider sociocultural and diversity issues. To this end, we are holding the convention in conjunction with the International Psychology association, psychologists and students from Mexico and Puerto Rico will be attending, and we have invited distinguished psychologists such as Nelly Salgado de Snyder to speak on international, cultural, and diversity topics. We are looking forward to an exciting convention program.

Sincerely,

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