

The Lacanian School of Psychoanalysis

LACANIAN PSYCHOANALYTICAL SCHOLAR TRAINING

Studying Lacan

The Lacanian School of Psychoanalysis offers training in Lacanian psychoanalysis to those persons who do not plan on becoming clinicians or practicing psychoanalysis, but who are willing to studying Lacanian thought in a systematic and committed manner. Such persons can be admitted to the School as Scholars-in-Training. The School suggests that persons applying for admission have an advanced degree or can demonstrate an interest in Lacanian psychoanalysis. A Scholar-in-Training applicant is neither required to be a mental health professional or student, nor to hold a PhD in a field applicable to psychoanalysis.

Overview of the Steps from Application to Scholar

In order to become a Scholar of the School, Students must complete the following steps:

1. Demonstrate their interest in psychoanalysis
2. Complete their 4-year training with the School
3. Document their course work consisting of a combination of lectures, seminars, case conferences and cartels related to theory and clinical studies in Lacanian psychoanalysis through their 4-year commitment

1 - Application Procedures

a) Submission of the Application Package including the following material:

1. A letter of intent detailing the applicant's interest and goals in the study of Freudian and Lacanian psychoanalysis
2. A current curriculum vitae
3. Letters of reference: 3 from clinicians or academics who are familiar with the applicant's interest in the field
4. A completed Application Form
5. Application fee of \$50 (check payable to Lacanian School of Psychoanalysis)

The Application Form may be obtained from and the Application Package submitted to the following address:

The Lacanian School of Psychoanalysis
Re Application
1563 Solano Ave, PMB 237

Berkeley, CA 94707

Note that the Application Form may also be downloaded from the School's website.

b) Interviews

After review of the application package, the applicant will be contacted to schedule two interviews with two members of the Admissions Committee. The fee is \$50 per interview, payable at time of interview.

c) Dates of Application

Applications and admissions are made on an ongoing basis.

d) Result of Application

All applications are subject to a case-by-case assessment prior to admission or rejection. The Admission Committee will notify the applicant of its decision via phone or email. Such applicant who is admitted to the School becomes a Scholar-in-Training of the School.

2 - Course Work / Training

The Scholar-in-Training can attend and chose among all the offerings of the School to the exception of Case Conference / Clinical Seminar for confidentiality reasons due to the extensive clinical material discussed.

a) School Seminars

The seminar serves as the foundation of the transmission of the theoretical material. The seminars are non-evaluative, but require Scholars-in-Training's attendance and active participation.

b) Cartels: Lacan Study Groups

The cartel is a group of three to five Students/Candidates/Scholars-in-Training who meet on a regular basis to work on a single topic of psychoanalytic interest. The group is periodically joined by an additional person or plus one (*plus un*) who serves to disperse the group effects and leadership structure. Cartels may be formed at any point in the academic year and usually disband after one year of work.

c) Independent or Personal Studies

Scholars-in-Training are expected to be familiar with Freud's work. They will engage in personal studies independently as well as write and present their original papers to the members of the school within the various forums offered.

d) Study Groups

Candidates, Students and Scholars-in-Training can form study groups around certain Lacanian or Freudian theoretical or clinical topics, papers, articles or books in order to widen their own field of interest.

e) Teaching

Scholars-in-Training are expected to teach certain Lacanian concepts within or outside of the School, for instance an Introduction to Lacan course.

f) Tutoring

Scholars-in-Training can benefit from in depth tutoring with certain analysts of the School, one on one or in groups. Tutoring opportunities arise with encounters in the School and upon demand.

g) Special Events & Guest Speakers

Scholars-in-Training are expected to attend special events organized by the School, usually around the theme developed in that year. These are opportunities for all to broaden their exposure to Lacanian practice and theory, as well to confront their own perspective outside of the School.

h) External Seminars or Conferences

For the same reasons as above, Scholars-in-Training are encouraged to attend conferences or presentations offered by other psychoanalytical organizations in the US or abroad, preferably but not necessarily Lacanian.

Scholars-in-Training will be asked to document their training annually.

3 - Change of Status

If a Scholar-in-Training desires to apply for the Analytical Clinical Training or the Research Analyst Training, he or she may send a written request to change his/her status to the Admissions Committee of the School. In such cases, the Scholar-in-Training is expected to have reviewed carefully the requirements for the training requested and to be able to show that he/she meets its requirements.

The Admission Committee will make the decision to accept or reject the request for change of status, and will also assess the transfer of the previous training experience with the School on a case-by-case basis.

4 - Tuition

The tuition covers attendance and access to any and all seminars, workshops, tutoring, advisor, cartel, case conference, and events offered by the School during the year.

The Board of Directors determines a yearly tuition. Currently, the tuition is \$2,000 per year with a 4-year commitment. The tuition is payable in full at the start of school year, or payable per quarter (Fall, Winter, Spring).

All financial matters should be discussed and may be decided upon with the Secretary of the School.

After 4 years of tuition paid for, Scholars will be paying for each seminar or event they choose to attend, as published in the yearly program.

5 - Statement of Nondiscriminatory Policy

The Lacanian School of Psychoanalysis does not discriminate on the basis of gender, sexual orientation, age, race, or national and ethnic origin in its admission, administration and training practices.