



PSYCHEDELIC SITTERS SCHOOL

General Application v10 2022

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

This document is provided as a resource for you as you fill out our application form online. Please read thoroughly before applying and be prepared to submit all requested information. Please provide a pdf of your resume, and an image file of your photo ID. Please write your essay first, and copy and paste into the application. Professional/Academic level writing/editing is recommended. Remember to speak from your heart! Read all informed consent agreements prior to signing. It's a process but this is what is required for a legal, regulated psychedelic therapy training program to operate ethically. Please include your demographic information if you are comfortable doing so. Tracking our progress in this area is important to us. Scholarships are available to anyone as a need-based program and is integrated into the general application process. Please apply if it really helps. Please pay full price if you are able.

Please pay special attention to the Community Guidelines: Psychedelic Experience Agreement and the Community Guidelines for Online & In-Person Training Intensives & Practicums - These are the community consent agreements that we take seriously and hold everyone accountable to. Please review the online webinar on consent agreements in the PSS1 Online Lecture Series for additional information.

Thank you for your interest in the PSS program. We look forward to working with you.

Safe Travels,
Daniel McQueen

General Application Psychedelic Sitters School v10 2022

Please review the following information to become a student of Psychedelic Sitters School, Psychedelic Guide Training Program. We recognize this is a big decision and are here to support you through this process. Please contact us with any questions by emailing events@medicinalmindfulness.org. Our team is happy to help guide you through this process.

Need-Based Diversity Scholarships are available, and the scholarship application is part of the General Application Process.

Eligibility

By applying to, and participating in these programs, you are affirming that you are physically, psychologically, and spiritually fit enough to do so safely. Many of our informed consent forms overlap with our psychedelic therapy center, the Center for Medicinal Mindfulness, and we conduct a safety assessment as part of this process. Your safety is our top priority.

- We firmly believe the practice of psychedelic guiding should not be limited to practitioners in one professional field. **We accept students from all professional orientations.** You are not required to be an ordained minister, licensed mental health professional, or medical professional to apply to our program.
- Students must be ready to engage their own transformational process as they train to become guides for others. Psychedelic experiences are often life transforming. Choosing to be a guide amplifies this process. The training regularly elicits major transformations in the lives of our students.
- Participants are invited to join our online classes from anywhere. We offer this class as a professional training where *Cannabis sativa* is legal for medical or adult use, but also as a psychedelic harm reduction education program where cannabis is not yet legal. *The use of cannabis is a personal decision and is not required to participate* (although it is highly recommended where it is safe to do so).
- You must be 21 or older to participate - The average age of the students in the training program is 43. We support young people new to the field, as well as seasoned mental health professionals. As a specialized training teaching a unique skill set, all experience levels benefit from this program.

Important Disclaimer - Your Application Approval is Not Guaranteed

Please note that acceptance to participate in the Psychedelic Sitters School training program is not guaranteed. All candidates will be assessed on an individual basis. Only after the application steps below have been properly completed, will a final determination be made regarding your potential acceptance into the program. As such, do not confirm any logistical/travel arrangements (e.g., requesting time away from work, purchasing airfare, etc.) until you have been contacted by us, in writing, of your formal acceptance into the program. Psychedelic Sitters School, the Center for Medicinal Mindfulness, any of their officers or owners will not be held liable for any such incurred costs.

Interview Process and Acceptance

Once you submit your application, we will be in touch with you to set up your interview. Once you are interviewed, our team will conduct a second review your application and send an email to confirm or decline your admission. If approved, we will also include any scholarship information in your acceptance letter. We may also request additional information, additional interviews, or we may have everything that we need to formally respond to you in short order.

Sometimes people apply to our program who have a clear and accurate intention of becoming a psychedelic guide, but may require a little more personal healing or personal development before entering the training program. If that is the case, we'll let you know and offer recommendations on those initial steps instead. We attract wonderful students who appear to self-select when ready to attend. Because of this our acceptance rate is very high. However, we're sometimes a "no," but we're more often a "not yet." Please don't get discouraged if we offer steps before attending the program. This is our way of supporting you on your path as a psychedelic guide.

This program is designed to elicit and support your own transformational healing and awakening process. We want you to be ready, and we trust your process. We encourage you to apply even if you are not sure. Our team can help you determine the right path for you and your process. Sometimes extremely competent future guides are hesitant, more so from modesty, cultural introjects, or imposed belief systems than a lack of skill and readiness. Our student population is very diverse in life experience. Everyone interested is strongly encouraged to connect with our team about the program.

Application Fee, Tuition & Payment Plans

Fee: A non-refundable application fee of \$150 is required with all materials submitted to schedule your interview.

Tuition: Should you be admitted, half payment of the PSS1 training tuition is required to reserve your position. The second half is due 1 month prior to your training intensive. Program costs are outlined on our [Tuition](#) page.

While PSS1 & PSS2 are a complete training set within Psychedelic Guide Training, the program is designed to go at a pace that works for you, both financially and developmentally.

Payment Plans: We will work with students to create a monthly payment plan and training schedule to fit their financial needs and to help make our program as accessible as possible. Generally, full payment of a service is required prior to attending.

Additional Eligibility Requirement for Advanced Psychedelic Guide Training (PSS3)

Because PSS3 teaches how to work with significant clinical concerns and engage in advanced transformational practices, to attend PSS3, students must be in process of completing the PSS credentialing program of the professional track of Psychedelic Guide Training, and have enough skill, life experience, and emotional maturity to handle extremely evocative psychedelic healing experiences. For this reason, pre-approval is required. Please contact us when you are ready to attend Advanced Psychedelic Guide Training (PSS3), or if you have questions about this program.

No Exemptions in Training Requirements for Helping Professionals

Some of our students who have degrees or experience as a helping professional ask if they can skip the first class or skip other requirements. The 2022 program now has a specialized track for those who wish to practice professionally as a psychedelic guide or psychedelic therapist.

Although there is some obvious overlap, the field of psychedelic therapy is distinct from psychotherapy. The PSS Guide Training Program teaches specific protocols and practices, under a unique model called Mindfulness-Based Psychedelic Therapy, which are not found in traditional psychotherapy, ministry or other professional programs. The first intensive includes specific lectures, protocols, and experiential psychedelic sessions that are core aspects of our program to prepare you for facilitating safe and effective psychedelic experiences.

We did for a time allow established helping professionals to skip some of our credentialing and mentorship requirements. However, those that did ended up deciding to increase this requirement by themselves anyway because they found it so helpful. The new 2022 model is designed from these experiences.

Our program is very experiential in nature, and we have developed a training protocol to help our students engage and thrive in the big transformational processes that occur while becoming and practicing as a psychedelic guide. This program is not just an academic, theoretical, or Psychedelics 101 lecture series. This program is a transformational psychedelic experience itself. For these reasons, we do not allow any exemptions to any of our training requirements. We now have a professional training track specifically designed for those seeking to become professional psychedelic guides and therapists.

**General Application
Psychedelic Guide Training
(PSS1 & PSS2)**

Personal Information

First Name _____

Last Name _____

Preferred First Name _____

Preferred Pronouns _____

Age _____

Date of Birth _____

Email _____

NOTE: Please provide a personal (not work) email that you regularly check. This is your primary point of contact with our program. We'll send you copies of documents signed and any notifications to this email address.

Phone Number _____

Address _____

Profession _____

Degrees/Education _____

Initial [____] I certify that I am over 21 years of age and understand I am required to provide proof of age.

Referred by: _____

If someone on our team told you about PSS, please let us know.

How did you hear about our program: _____

PSS1 Training Intensive Date Applying For:

- January 20-23, 2022
- May 12-15, 2022
- September 8-11, 2022

Personal Support & Emergency Contact Information

You certify that your personal support and emergency contact knows about your interest in our program and agrees to be your friend/ally during the training, is generally available, and agrees to be contacted in case of an emergency.

Name _____

Phone Number _____

Email Address _____

Relationship _____

Resume or CV

Our program attracts both young adults in college to advanced professionals. Please submit your resume or CV so we can get to know you more. As an optional exercise in professional development in the field of psychedelics, consider including professional psychedelic experiences and skills that you might not put on resumes for other jobs. As always, this information is kept strictly confidential. Please submit in PDF format.

Driver's License or Other Identification

Please submit a copy of your driver's license or other documentation to verify your age (must be 21 or older) and identity. This information will be kept strictly confidential.

For increased safety in the field of psychedelics, students in the Professional Track undergo a standard background check prior to credentialing.

Personal Essay

Please submit a personal essay so that we may get to know you and your background. Explore any of the following writing prompts (420 word maximum):

- Why do you feel called to become a psychedelic guide? Describe an experience, with a psychedelic or other significant moment, that has led you to seek out this program.
- How do you see yourself practicing these skills in your life?
- What kind of unique contributions do you envision yourself making in the psychedelic field?
- Describe an aspect of your personality or background that you believe will help you succeed in being a psychedelic guide.
- Discuss the top three skills that you would like to develop to become a confident psychedelic guide.

Safety, Informed Consent, Community Guidelines, Training Agreements

Please complete the Psychedelic Safety Assessment and provide additional information when requested. Due to the psychedelic experiential in the training program, we want to ensure that you can participate safely.

- [Psychedelic Safety Assessment](#)

Informed consent is very important in the field of psychedelic therapy. Due to the complex, holistic nature of our training program, the paperwork involved is quite extensive. Reviewing these documents is an epic journey in and of itself. Please read these documents and sign. They include important information about our program, as well as expectations for our students and community guidelines. These are required to participate in our online and in-person training programs.

Please pardon any overlap in the questions as some of these forms are used individually for other programs and services.

Informed Consent and Participation Agreements

- [Training Participation Agreement](#)
- [Psychedelic Cannabis Experience Participation Agreement](#)
- [Community Breathwork Participation Agreement](#)
- [Yoga Participation Agreement](#)
- [Covid-19 Safety - Only Required for In-Person Training Options](#)

For additional information on our Covid-19 Safety Protocol visit this [page](#).

Community Guidelines

- [Psychedelic Experience Agreement](#)
- [Community Guidelines for Online & In-Person Training Intensives & Practicums](#)

Demographics Survey & Need-Based Diversity Scholarship Application

We officially initiated our need-based diversity scholarship program in 2019 to increase the accessibility and inclusivity of our services and training program. These scholarships provide a 10-40% discount on any program tuition or group participation fee. Scholarships for individual sessions are also regularly available and are based on an hourly flat fee discount. Medical evaluations and membership applications are already reduced to the lowest rate possible, and ketamine administration and medical oversight are discounted additionally through group rates. (Cannabis sessions are more accessible and very effective.) Payment plans are also available to increase accessibility. Scholarships renew annually.

Notice of Non-Discrimination and Prohibition of Harassment: Committed to equality of transformational opportunity, the Center for Medicinal Mindfulness and Psychedelic Sitters School does not discriminate in offering access to its programs, activities, or employment on the basis of race, color, gender, age, national or ethnic origin, religion, disability, veteran's status, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, responsible psychedelic medicine use (as defined in the Medicinal Mindfulness Safe Community Policy), or any other status protected by law.

Demographic Questions: The following demographic questions are optional but help us track our progress around inclusivity and diversity, as well as help us determine an appropriate scholarship amount if one is requested. All information is kept strictly confidential.

1. Race/ethnicity: _____
2. Do you identify as a member of the LGBTQ community? (yes / no)
3. Gender Identity: _____
4. Sexual Orientation: _____
5. Do you qualify for services or protections under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), or otherwise identify as an individual with disabilities? (yes / no)
6. Are you a student? (yes / no) Please describe:

7. Have you ever served in the United States Armed Services? (yes / no)
If yes, which branch of the military?

8. Are you low-income or currently experiencing economic hardship on a day-to-day basis, including significant medical debt? (yes / no) If yes, please briefly describe:

9. Are you an international resident? (yes / no) Location:

10. Do you experience systemic oppression? (yes / no) Please describe:

11. Do you work with populations who experience systemic oppression? (yes / no) Please describe:

12. Are you a Medicine Person? (yes / no / maybe / I don't know) - See the Medicinal Mindfulness Safe Community Policy for additional information.

Scholarship Application: If you are applying for a scholarship, you affirm that you are not independently wealthy, have a high salary, a trust fund, significant investments or property, a wealthy partner or family support, etc., and that you have a legitimate financial need for a scholarship.

13. Do you need a scholarship? (yes / no)

14. What percentage are you requesting off your tuition/group session fee? (Individual session scholarships have a uniform discount, not a %) (Actual scholarship value is determined by CMM but this answer is taken into consideration)

(10% 20% 30% 40%)

15. Is there anything else you would like to share with us? Please provide additional information, such as needs unrelated to tuition costs, that can be used to support you in participating in this program.

Interview Requirement

Once all of your material is submitted and application fee received, you will be invited to a 45-60 minute admissions interview. This is a structured interview to assess your readiness to join our program and to get to know you and your interest in becoming a psychedelic guide. Please review your safety assessment. This is also an opportunity to ask questions about safety, the program, and what to expect.

Your interviewer writes a brief report and presents it to our admissions team for review. Applications are reviewed on an ongoing basis, so you should hear from us pretty soon after your interview.

Next Steps & Joining the Community

We will review your application and respond by email regarding your acceptance, next steps, and additional information about joining our program. Once approved, if any tuition payments are required, you will be sent a link to pay. If you are approved for a scholarship, the scholarship will be automatically deducted from all tuition and credentialing costs.

Once your deposit is paid, you'll receive information about joining the online training platform, and will be given access to all relevant online material and lectures. Most video lectures are required PRIOR to attending your first intensive. The order of the training program will be outlined in the online syllabus.

Thank you again for your interest in our program. We hope to welcome you soon to the expedition!

I Certify that the information I have submitted is accurate.

Signature: _____

Name (Printed): _____

Date: _____