

Do take to heart the policy regarding offers, adopted by the Council of Graduate Departments of Psychology and the Council of University Directors of Clinical Programs.

Accepting an Offer (<http://sites.google.com/site/cdspphome/cogdop-rules-on-acceptance-of-offers-of-admission-and-financial-aid>)

1. As soon as you have two offers, decide which is the better one for you and politely refuse the other.
2. Repeat this comparison and decision as you receive each new offer.
3. Terminate the process as soon as you get a satisfactory offer from the school you prefer. Accept that offer verbally and in writing and advise the other schools of your decision. They will appreciate your thoughtfulness in opening the way for another student.
4. On occasion you may be pressured to accept an offer before April 15. In the event that you have accepted such an offer, you should be fully aware that you have the right to resign the original acceptance before April 15 to take an alternative offer.
5. When you have voluntarily accepted an offer, even prior to the April 15th date, do not take your obligation lightly. You are committed to that acceptance. Requests to be released from an agreement may spoil your reputation with all of the institutions involved and with those who have written you letters of recommendation.

Council of University Directors of Clinical Programs adds the following:

“A student should not hold more offers than they are seriously considering. Holding multiple offers ties up slots, preventing programs from making offers to other students.”