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Re: Graduate Program Name Change from Experimental Psychology to Psychological Science

I wholeheartedly support the Department of Psychology's proposed plan to change the name of their graduate program from Experimental Psychology to Psychological Science. The proposed name change aligns with the broad spectrum of methodologies utilized by Psychology faculty and students, many of whom do not rely exclusively on experimental approaches in their research. The title Psychological Science also more accurately represents of the diversity of theoretical, methodological, and applied work represented within the plan. This strategic shift from a traditional title, Experimental Psychology, to current terminology, Psychological Science, better reflects students' expectations, provides prospective graduate students, including undergraduates, a better understanding of the program, and has the potential to attract more applicants and lead to increased enrollment.

CC: Dr. Carrie Cuttler, Director, Experimental Psychology Doctoral Program, Department of Psychology