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Dear applicant:

Thank you for your interest in the graduate programs in Psychology at the University of Ottawa. Applications will be considered for the M.A.-Ph.D. program in Clinical Psychology (English stream and French stream) and the M.A.-Ph.D. program in Experimental Psychology. Students admitted on the basis of a Master's degree in Psychology are enrolled directly in the Ph.D. program. In our CPA-accredited Clinical Psychology program, students complete the majority of their courses and their clinical training (including psychological service delivery and report writing) in the language associated with the stream into which they are admitted. This means that applicants need to be fluent in the language of the stream to which they apply.

Last year we received approximately 500 enquiries about the program. The Graduate Admissions Committee considered 306 applications to the Clinical Psychology Program and 51 applications to the Experimental Psychology Program. At the end of the process, 8 students enrolled in the English stream and 7 students enrolled in the French stream of the graduate program in Clinical Psychology, and 12 students enrolled in the graduate program in Experimental Psychology. Currently, 75% of students are women, 23% are men and 2% are unknown, and the ratio of Anglophone to Francophone students is roughly 2:1. The mean age of students currently enrolled in the two programs is 29 years, with a range of 21 to 55. Equity is a University of Ottawa policy; Indigenous and Black individuals, other individuals of colour, and individuals with disabilities are strongly encouraged to apply to our programs.

Many individuals ask about bilingualism at the University of Ottawa. The University of Ottawa is committed to offering training in both of Canada's official languages - English and French. All students in our graduate programs must meet the second language requirement (English or French) in order to obtain their doctoral degree. Students who, at the time of admission, can provide proof of their competence in both languages (e.g., prior education in both languages, certificate of linguistic competency) are deemed to meet the language requirement. For other students, the requirements can be met in one of four ways: 1) passing a test administered by the Official Languages and Bilingualism Institute; 2) successfully completing a graduate course in which all course requirements are met in the second language; 3) writing the dissertation in the second language; or 4) successfully completing a course designated by the Official Languages and Bilingualism Institute (ELS 2111 or FLS 2511).

As the nation's capital, Ottawa combines the cultural activities of a large city with the community feeling of a smaller centre. The city provides excellent opportunities for outdoor sports and recreation. Because the vacancy rate for accommodation is low, students are urged to seek housing at an early date.

We hope that this information helps you in making a choice of a graduate program. We wish you the best of luck in the future.

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