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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 program and French program) as well as the Master's and Ph.D. programs 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 100% of their obligatory courses and the majority of their remaining courses and clinical training (including psychological service delivery and report writing) in the language associated with the program into which they are admitted. This means that applicants must be fluent in the language of the program to which they apply in Clinical Psychology.

Last year we received approximately 500 enquiries about the program. For the 2022-2023 academic year, the Graduate Admissions Committee considered 279 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 program and 7 students enrolled in the French program in Clinical Psychology, and 19 students enrolled in the graduate program in Experimental Psychology. Currently, 77% of students identify as women, 18% identify as men, with missing information for 4%. The ratio of Anglophone to Francophone students is roughly 2:1. The mean age of students currently enrolled in the Clinical and Experimental programs is 29 years, with a range of 22 to 57. Equity is a University of Ottawa policy, and the School of Psychology has adopted Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion ([EDI goals for admissions](#)). The Clinical Psychology program implemented [BIPOC \(Black, Indigenous, and People of Colour\) pools for admissions](#) during the 2022-2023 cycle, which will continue this year. Indigenous and Black individuals, other individuals of colour, and individuals with disabilities and other diverse backgrounds are strongly encouraged to apply to our graduate programs.

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](#) (OLBI); 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 OLBI (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 entering the graduate programs are urged to seek housing at an early date.

We hope 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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