

Review of Recent University of Ottawa Clinical Psychology Dissertations (2019)

As a follow-up to the document “Review of Recent University of Ottawa Clinical Psychology Dissertations (2013),” during the summer of 2019, 95 dissertations on the University of Ottawa research website <https://ruor.uottawa.ca/browse?type=author> were available for review (for the period May 2013 to May 2019).

Area of Research

- Based on the content of the dissertation (not simply the research supervisor’s area), 55 were in the area of Clinical Psychology (including Health Psychology), 6 in Cognitive Psychology, 14 in Developmental Psychology, 10 in Neuroscience, and 10 in Social/Community Psychology

Dissertation Length

- Total number of pages: mean of 205, range of 98 to 426.
- Number of pages in the general introduction section: mean of 31, range of 6 to 75.
- Number of pages in the general discussion section: mean of 17, range of 1 to 69.

Format

- 77 dissertations in “thesis as a series of articles” format and 18 dissertations in “monograph” format
- In terms of the number of “articles” included in the dissertation, 18 included 1 article, 47 included 2 articles, 26 included 3 articles, 4 included 4 articles, and 1 included 5 articles.

Research Methods and Samples

- A wide range of research methods were used: 5 were theoretical/methodological reviews, 5 were systematic reviews, 5 were case studies/single participant, 11 were qualitative, 9 were meta-analyses, 159 were correlational (including surveys, cross-sectional designs, longitudinal designs, and measure development/validation) , and 27 were experimental
- Dissertations varied in terms of the number of data sets used: 30 used data from 1 data set, 40 used data from 2 data sets, 19 used data from 3 data sets, and 5 used data from 4 or more data sets.
- 152 data sets were collected specifically for the dissertation and 50 data sets were archival data (including publicly available data sets, data sets from the dissertation supervisor’s research, and journal publications)
- In terms of samples, animals were subjects in 12 studies, university students were participants in 27 studies, children/youth were participants in 51 studies, community-dwelling adults were participants in 92 studies, and older adults were participants in 17 studies.