

APPLYING FOR ADMISSION

We hope that you will consider joining us here at the University of Manitoba. We have an energetic, productive, and caring department that will provide the support, education, and research opportunities you need to reach your goals. Once you settle on an area of specialization in which you would like to pursue graduate studies, it is often a good idea to contact a professor or two with whom you might like to work both to introduce yourself and to ask for more information about their interests and research. Clinical students can be admitted and advised by faculty members in any area of our department, including individuals with adjunct appointments to the Department of Psychology. Complete applications for admission to M.A. and PhD programs must be submitted to the **Faculty of Graduate Studies by December 15** of the academic year preceding admission. Applications are submitted online.

A complete application should include all of the following:

1. A completed application for Graduate Admission and application fee. Apply on line using Self Service Centre <https://umanitoba.ca/graduate-studies/graduate-student-admissions>
2. Two completed Recommendation Forms from individuals familiar with the student's academic or professional work. The Self Service Centre system will use information provided by the applicant to generate an email to the recommender that contains a link to an online form within the Self Service Centre.
3. For all applicants except those to the BCS area scores on three components of the GRE® General Test (analytical, quantitative, verbal) of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE®). Applicants to the BCS area are not required to submit GRE® scores but may if they wish. (Note that to ensure meeting the December 15 application deadline please check for registration and test dates on the GRE® web page at www.ets.org/gre)

A note regarding GREs: The Department of Psychology has passed a motion to remove the requirement of GRE scores as part of a complete application. This motion must pass through several committees prior to final approval by the UofM Senate. In the meantime, you may upload a request to waive the GRE to your application in lieu of GRE scores if you choose not to submit GRE scores. We will update our website and brochure once Senate approval has been received.

4. Transcripts are required from ALL recognized, post-secondary institutions attended, no matter whether a degree has been awarded or not. For initial assessment purposes only, **unofficial transcripts (uploaded to your UMGradConnect application) are**

acceptable and preferred. Official transcripts will only be required by the Faculty of Graduate Studies if you are recommended for admission. To be considered official, transcripts must arrive in envelopes that have been sealed and endorsed (stamped across the back flap) by the Main Records Office of the issuing institution. In cases where the transcript does / will not clearly state that a degree has been conferred and when it was awarded, a copy of the final degree certificate is required to accompany the transcript.

Please note that official University of Manitoba transcripts are not required. If you have access to your Aurora Student account, you may upload a web transcript. If not, an Admissions Assistant will add a copy of your transcript to your file for you.

5. Statement of Intent Instructions

The statement of intent is a description of your academic and professional goals and your personal background. Tell us why you want to be an academic or professional psychologist and what you want to work on during your program of study.

Required The statement should include your research interests (if applicable to your program) and how your background (educational and otherwise) has prepared you for this undertaking, as well as a preference ordering of academic staff members with whom you might wish to work (i.e., to have supervise your research), 2-3 pages maximum.

Optional If you wish, you are invited to share as much or as little of your personal background as you feel appropriate within the given page limit. Your application will not be penalized if you choose not to disclose personal information, or for the content. Our program, consistent with the aims of our university and scientific and professional bodies, strives to include students of all backgrounds who reflect the diversity we see in society at large, and whose interest in psychology is informed by a wide range of experiences within and beyond formal academic training. If you choose to include personal information about your culture, race or ethnicity, religion, heritage, nationality, language, sexual orientation, physical and psychological functioning, gender, age, first-generation student and/or socio-economic status, it will be considered as additional context you have supplied for our understanding of your academic and professional achievements and goals. APPROVED BY DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY COUNCIL June 16, 2022

6. Any additional information such as special awards, abilities, and publications.

7. An English Language Proficiency Test (ELPT) score is required of all applicants unless they have received a high school diploma or university degree from Canada or one of the countries listed on the ELPT Exemption List. (See [International Student - Admission Requirements](#) for exempt countries and minimum score requirements.)

ADDITIONAL CLINICAL ADMISSION INFORMATION

In addition to the general requirements outlined in Section 8 concerning admission for all graduate students, it is important to note that clinical students can be admitted and advised by faculty members in any area of our department, including individuals with adjunct appointments to the Department of Psychology. However, core members of the clinical area have priority over non-clinical members of our department and adjuncts concerning admissions. Applicants are strongly encouraged to contact, prior to applying, potential advisors to determine whether they will be admitting new students. The match of research interests between advisor and student is a critical aspect of the admission process.

Each year, new admissions to the Program are determined by Clinical Psychology Training Program faculty in accordance with policies of the Department of Psychology. Applications are reviewed by the Clinical Admissions Committee, which consists of the Director of Clinical Training and other clinical faculty members. The Clinical Admissions Committee initially reviews all applicants based on their Grade Point Average (GPA) and Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores and assigns each applicant up to a maximum of 70 points at this **first stage** of the admission process. During the **second stage** of the admissions process the Clinical Admissions Committee then assigns up to a maximum of 30 additional points based on letters of recommendation, and the congruence of student and faculty interests. Applicants with enough points to be within the range of admission will also be contacted for an interview to assess their suitability for being admitted to a professional training program. This interview can be in-person, by telephone, or via a video link online. Applicants who are deemed suitable for admission, and who have the highest number of points from both stages of the admissions process, are then offered admission or wait-listed for admission to the Clinical Psychology Training Program.

Admission to the Clinical Psychology Training Program is highly competitive (see admissions data below). There are usually 40-70 applicants for an average of 5-7 new admissions per year. Successful applicants usually come from the top 10 to 20 students in our two-stage ranking process. Information about newly admitted students' GPA and *GRE*® scores can be

found on the “Clinical Program Statistics” link on the Clinical Psychology homepage. Students admitted to our program typically have GPAs above 4.0 (on a 4.5 scale) in their last 20 full courses (or their equivalent), *GRE*® scores well above the 50th percentile, and strong letters of recommendation. The Program shares our profession's commitment not to discriminate against applicants on the basis of age, sex, ethnic background, religion, sexual orientation, or physical disability. Applications for admission are considered only during the regular January admissions period. Students recommended for admission to the Clinical Psychology Training Program will receive an email offer from the Faculty of Graduate Studies. Following receipt of the offer, all students must indicate in writing their acceptance of the offer to the Psychology Graduate Office by no later than April 15. Acceptance is provisional until students have submitted a Criminal Record Check and Child Abuse Registry Check deemed to be satisfactory by the Head (or designate) in consultation with the Director of Clinical Training. These checks must be submitted to the Psychology Graduate Office following admission and prior to registration in the Clinical Program. Although we are a doctoral training program and it is generally expected that MA students will normally transition to the PhD program, internal MA students transitioning from the MA program to the PhD program must formally apply for admission to the PhD program by May 1 for September admission and October 1 for January admission to the PhD program.

In addition to our regular admissions process, our clinical training program will admit up to 2 students in a separate admissions procedure for students who explicitly declare Indigenous status on their application

Our current students are a heterogeneous group of individuals from across Canada and a number of foreign countries. They range in age from their early twenties into their forties. Once admitted, over 90% of all clinical students successfully complete their Ph.D. degree at the University of Manitoba.

TRANSFERS

Nonclinical graduate students in the Department who wish to be admitted into the Program must go through the same application and admission procedures as any external applicant.