



Important Things to Know about our Admissions Process

- 1) Admission to the clinical program is a highly competitive process and we have only a limited number of admission spaces each year. Unfortunately, many excellent and qualified applicants cannot be admitted. Note that our program is committed to enhancing and supporting diversity, equity, and inclusion. We encourage applications from underrepresented groups, as it is our strong belief that diversity in the clinical program will enhance the training experiences of all students and faculty, and ultimately the diverse clientele we serve.
- 2) Students that meet the criteria for admission are evaluated on a rubric that includes the following: overall academic preparation (e.g., GPA), statement of interest (e.g., career objectives, lived experiences, alignment with the program), research preparation (e.g., academic presentations, publications), prior experience in clinical research or community engagement, proposal summary (e.g., research fit with faculty, writing quality), and letters of recommendation.
- 3) Core faculty members in the clinical area have priority for supervision. Core faculty are listed in the Clinical Psychology Graduate Program Brochure, available on the Department of Psychology website. In some instances, students can also be supervised by other psychology faculty, who have second priority, or adjunct faculty, with third priority. Note that psychology and adjunct supervisors must have an active program of research that is related to clinical psychology to be eligible to supervise a student in the program. A list of the potential supervisors for the upcoming admissions year will be posted on the website in mid-fall.
- 4) Your statement of interest (maximum 500 words) should indicate your research and professional interests. Be sure to name your preferred supervisor and up to two other supervisors you would be interested in working with. Your statement should indicate how your previous personal and professional experiences influenced your decision to become a Clinical Psychologist, your reasons for applying to the University of Calgary, and your future career goals. In your description of personal and professional experiences, we invite you to comment on your experiences with diversity. These experiences could be related to your own diversity (e.g., cultural, socioeconomic), including any barriers you have overcome, and/or they could be related to experiences you have had (e.g., volunteer, academic). Please indicate how these diversity experiences have made you the person you are today

and how they will enrich your training and professional practice in clinical psychology. This information will provide context and perspective to your application.

- 5) Your research proposal (maximum 500 words, excluding references) should reflect the format required by the Canada Graduate Scholarship Master's Program (CGS-M). The CGS-M website indicates:

“Provide a detailed description of your proposed research project for the period during which you will hold the award. Be as specific as possible. Provide background information to position your proposed research within the context of current knowledge in the field. State the objectives and hypotheses, and outline the experimental or theoretical approach to be taken (citing literature pertinent to the proposal) and the methods and procedures to be used. State the significance of the proposed research to a field or fields in the health sciences, natural sciences and/or engineering, or social sciences and/or humanities, as appropriate.”

Note that applicants are strongly encouraged to apply for graduate funding.

- 6) Acceptance to the clinical program is provisional, pending a Criminal Records Check including a Vulnerable Sector Search.