

University of Birmingham
MRes Clinical Psychology

How to complete your MRes Clinical Psychology application

Each year we receive applications until the end of May. After that, we review all of the applications, rating each one, and put them in rank order. To help us with this process, and to ensure that we don't miss any important details in your application, please use this document to guide your application. No decisions are made until June (see our FAQs for more details on the process).

We need to have a **complete application** (including references) in order to evaluate each applicant. **It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that referees provide references by the end of the first week in June.**

First, prepare your 'summary document' -

We require each application to contain an **uploaded summary document**, preferably as a pdf file. We recommend that begin by preparing this document, and *then* fill in the online application form. The summary document should include the following details in the following order (you can cut-and-paste these headings in to your document).

1. Your name

2. Your Higher Education qualifications (for each one, please include: your degree title: your degree classification or predicted classification; your GPA, final graduating mark or predicted grade; and the University which you attended).

3. A statement summarising your prior research training and experience, and your current research interests (no more than 350 words please). We like to a sense of *some general areas* that you are interested in, and a sense of *how you see the role of research* in clinical psychology

4. A statement summarising any prior relevant experience (no more than 350 words please). You don't need to repeat the material about research experience here, but you might like to tell us about voluntary work, work that you have done under the supervision of a psychologist, or work that involves working in a clinical, therapeutic, supportive or caring role, or that involves working with people in a psychologically-relevant way. Please tell us about what you have learned from any relevant experiences of working with people (generally) or in applied psychology (specifically).

5. A personal statement about what you hope to gain from the course (no more than 350 words please). For example, it would be helpful to know about why you would like to take the course, what you expect to gain from it, how it fits into your long-term plans, and what you anticipate the challenges and opportunities to be.

Second, prepare your online application form at - [\[link to website\]](#)

You will notice that there are some boxes in the online application form where you can just cut-and-paste your answers to the questions above from the 'summary document'

that you've already prepared. Please do that, but if you decide to edit and change the content as you do so, then please make sure that you change it in your 'summary document' too.

The online application form will be used during pre-selection screening to check that you are eligible for consideration, and to make sure that all of the relevant application has been supplied. The 'summary document' will be the one that we use during selection itself, alongside your references, in order to rate and rank your application.

You will need to upload various documents to support your application; please make sure that the pdf of your 'summary document' is among those. This is what we will use to make our initial decisions about selection for the course.

N.B. You don't need to name or contact a supervisor for your research.

You can apply any time up until the end of May, but please note that we must have **all of the components in the above summary document**, plus **at least one completed reference** in order to consider your application. Referees may not be aware that they need to provide a reference *before* you can be offered a place. Please liaise with your referees to let them know what you need them to do.

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