

The MRes Clinical Psychology application Process.

Applications can be made any time up until the 31st of May in the year in which you wish to study.

No decisions are made until June/July, and after the closing date, we rate and order all of the applications we have received using a number of criteria (these are detailed in the 'MRes Clinical Psychology FAQ's'). We have around 15 places to fill each year, and offer telephone interviews to the highest-ranked applicants on our list in June/July.

We will normally also keep a reserve list of applicants each year, and as we hear back from the recipients of our initial offers we are often able to make some further offers during July and August.

Completing the Application Form

First, prepare your 'summary document'

We require each application to contain an uploaded summary document, preferably as a pdf file. This document should include the following details in the following order:

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 wish to gain 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, for example: voluntary work, work that you have done under the supervision of a psychologist, 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 via the University Portal:

<https://sits.bham.ac.uk/>

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 this, but if you decide to edit and change the content as you do so, then please make sure that you also change it in your 'summary document'.

You will need to upload various documents to support your application, and please make sure that the pdf of your 'summary document' is among these.

Other Important Information

It is a requirement of the programme that you supply *two* references, at least one of which must be academic.

As mentioned in the FAQ document, you *don't* need to name or make contact with a supervisor for your research, but we are interested in your ideas and try to accommodate these where possible.

As you may have contact with vulnerable populations during your time on the programme, it is a requirement that all MRes students complete a DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) and Occupational Health check. We will organise these for successful applicants who accept a place on the programme.

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