

Dear Applicant

RE: STEPS TO FOLLOW IN YOUR APPLICATION FOR A POST-GRADUATE RESEARCH DEGREE IN PSYCHOLOGY

1. You require an average of at least 60% at honours level, and at least 65% on master's level, to qualify to apply for either a master's degree or doctoral degree, respectively, in Psychology.
2. Decide on a topic and ensure that you approach and secure a research supervisor/promoter who will commit to assist you in this field with research supervision. The research topics in the department, as well as the names of research supervisors/promoters appear on the research menu at the Department of Psychology website (<http://www.ufs.ac.za/psychology>).
3. Complete your research application form (available on website) and submit it either to Prof Paul Fouché (fouchejp@ufs.ac.za) or Ms Elize Du Plessis (duplesse@ufs.ac.za). The fax number is: 051-4013556. Please ensure your supervisor will be committed to assist you with your specific theme/topic.
4. As part of your application, your supervisor/promoter may expect of you to complete a postgraduate academic language proficiency test (see Rule A77.1(a)(iv)). All sections of this test need to be passed with a rating of 6. In terms of the new language policy of the UFS you need to please take note of regulation A70(c) (footnote 38) in which English is indicated as the required language in the writing of all dissertations and doctoral theses as from 2017. More information regarding the postgraduate academic literacy-test can be obtained from talps@ufs.ac.za.
5. The result of the application will be available within three weeks.
6. Once the application has been approved, you have to register before you may commence with the research proposal (Rule A77.2 (d)).
7. The next step is that candidates are required to table their typed proposals on Form L5 (Faculty Proposal Form) (see website) at one of the research sub-committee meetings in the first semester, preferably during the first term. The dates for these meetings appear on the website. Take note of the date that the proposal (one copy) has to be submitted at office 202 in the Psychology building.
8. Once the candidate passes the requirements set by the research proposal sub-committee, he/she should table the proposal at the Departmental Research Meeting. This involves the proposal submitted in typed format on Form L5. The candidate then needs to successfully manage questions posed by the Departmental Research Committee, and also successfully pass the requirements for the written documentation/proposal. Take note of the date on which 15 copies of the proposal have to be submitted to office 202.
9. Once approved by the Departmental meeting all proposals (except mini-dissertations) are submitted for approval at the CTR (Committee for Title Registration).
10. Proposals (mini-dissertations included) will also have to be tabled at the REC of HUM (Research Ethics Committee) of the Faculty of the Humanities.

PS. Please note to attach all important required documents (CV and academic record) to your application form.

