Join the highest student ranked Research Master's programme in the Netherlands

The Department of Clinical Psychology at the University of Groningen is now accepting a limited number of applications for the two-year Research Master’s programme.

The Clinical Psychology group is founded on a national and international reputation for excellence. Our teaching and research programmes consistently rank among the best in the country. The key characteristics of the two-year Research Master’s programme are:

1. High quality research training and active participation in research groups
2. Emphasis on individual work, supervised by internationally renown researchers
3. High degree of specialization possible
4. Ideal preparation for PhD programme
5. Individual supervision during the programme

Our activities are founded on the international reputation, commitment and dynamism of staff and students, coupled with a cooperative, supportive and friendly work environment. Our teaching and research philosophy is to integrate basic and applied psychology: Basic issues in clinical psychology are made groundbreaking by their relevance to clinical practice. At the same time, applied research becomes outstanding when it is based on sound and solid theoretical foundations.

Content of the Programme

The Clinical Psychology stream is part of a multidisciplinary Research Master’s programme ‘Behavioural and Social Sciences’ which in 2008 and 2009 was ranked by students as the best Research Master’s programme in the Netherlands in the behavioural and social sciences (Elsevier, 2008, 2009).

Students are versed in empirical research guided by theory. The programme provides extensive training in clinical psychological theories and experimental techniques, and a focus on core psychopathology topics including, for example, biased cognitive processing and evidence-based interventions.

Students also obtain in-depth and practical training in the most advanced statistical methods from experts in the field, including courses on experimental design and analysis of variance, applied statistics, and repeated measures.

Students also learn to write research articles, reports, and proposals, including a course on how to write in English. Students from previous cohorts have published articles in top academic journals, participated in international research networks, presented their research on international conferences and received high-level research subsidies.
Student profile and how to apply

The Clinical Psychology Research Master’s programme in Groningen is unique from some of the larger Research Master’s programmes in that it selects only a small number of students each year to engage in intensive individually guided research training supervised by internationally renown researchers. Students are embedded in research groups and also join others in the larger multidisciplinary Research Master’s programme at the Faculty of Behavioural and Social Sciences, which contains approximately 30 students each year.

In this entirely English-language programme, both students within and outside of the Netherlands are encouraged to apply. Some research assistantships and scholarships are available for talented applications. Funding is also available for participation in summer schools both within and outside of the Netherlands. The profile of our alumni is excellent with students either engaging in further research to obtain a PhD or pursuing a career as scientist-practitioner combining a PhD with a postdoctoral clinical training programme. We are recruiting students for the cohort to start on September 1, 2012. Candidates can apply from now on. Applying early may enhance chances of admission since the number of new students per year is limited. The deadline for applications for non-EU students is March 1 and for EU students May 1.

Detailed information and application forms can be found at: www.rug.nl/gmw/rema
Applications may be sent to: j.a.m.evers@rug.nl

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