Research Master Programme

PROGRAMME DETAILS

The Research Master programme normally takes two years to complete and comprises 120 ECTS. The programme is taught in English. Our academic year runs from September 1st until June 30th. The programme has two possibilities for enrolment, September 1st and February 1st.

Programme related websites
- Faculty of Philosophy: http://www.rug.nl/filosofie
- Research Master programme in philosophy: http://www.rug.nl/masters/philosophy-research/
- General information for prospective students: http://www.rug.nl/prospectivestudents

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Our Research Master programme is highly selective, and all students who apply to the programme are assessed individually. In order to apply, students need to provide us with the following information:

- Copy of bachelor diploma or proof of enrolment including expected graduation date: We expect a Bachelor's degree in philosophy or philosophy of a specific scientific discipline, or another Bachelor's degree which the admissions board considers to be equivalent.
- Academic transcript: We expect applicants to have a mean score of 8 (corresponding roughly to an A in the US system) or better in the relevant upper division courses of their study programme (usually the second- and third-year philosophy courses of a Bachelor programme). If the programme involved a thesis, it also must have received at least an 8.
- Curriculum Vitae (CV)
- Motivation letter: The student should explain why he or she wishes to take part in our programme, what he or she expects from the programme and what he or she wishes to achieve.
- Writing sample: This can be the student's Bachelor thesis or a paper he or she has written for a philosophy course.
- Two reference letters: These letters should be written by instructors who know the student and who describe the student's past performance and academic promise.
- Proof of English proficiency: you will need to prove your proficiency in English by means of one of the following tests (the test cannot be older than two years):
  - Dutch VWO diploma
  - IELTS, minimum overall score 7.0 with no band less than 6.5
  - TOEFL 100 (section scores Reading 22, Listening 22, Speaking 26, Writing 24)
    Please ask the ETS to send us the test score report using institution code 7191.
  This requirement does not apply if you:
  - are a native speaker and completed secondary education in any one of the following countries: Canada, USA, UK, Ireland, New Zealand, Australia
  - have completed your bachelor education in any one of the following countries: Canada, USA, UK, Ireland, New Zealand, Australia
  - have an International Baccalaureate
  - have a European Baccalaureate diploma.
HOW TO APPLY & ADMISSIONS PROCEDURE

International students
To apply, please go to the programme’s webpage mentioned above and follow the appropriate links or go to http://www.rug.nl/howtoapply. Application is possible online only, the University of Groningen does not have any paper application forms. In order to submit your application for the programme, you will have to upload a number of documents to the Online Admission System (OAS), relating mainly to the admissions requirements mentioned above.

Dutch students wishing to apply for this programme, please submit your application files to: fil-study-advisor@rug.nl and visit http://www.rug.nl/education/nederlandse-studenten/inschrijven/master to follow the application instructions.

Once we have received your application, the application fee and all required documents, the admissions board will evaluate your file. Applicants may subsequently be invited for an interview (possibly via Skype). In any case, you will hear from us no later than one month after the application deadline (see below). There are three possible outcomes of your application: Not admitted (we will motivate our decision), conditionally admitted (the conditions that have to be fulfilled will be explained) or unconditionally admitted. If you’re admitted, we will ask you to confirm your participation by signing and returning a confirmation of participation form.

TUITION FEES AND LIVING EXPENSES:

For up to date information about tuition fees, living expenses and visa leges, please visit: http://www.rug.nl/education/international-students/financial-matters/ and/or http://www.rug.nl/education/international-students/visa-immigration/

DEADLINES

For enrolment in February:
All students*: November 1st

For enrolment in September:
Non-EU/EEA students*: April 1st
EU/EEA students: June 1st
* We advise non-EU students to apply even earlier and use the deadline of the preceding admission moment, as acquiring visa and other documents is often time consuming.

FURTHER QUESTIONS

In case you have any questions left, please do not hesitate to contact us. For information about the content of the programme you can contact our study advisor Mr Harrie ten Have at fil-study-advisor@rug.nl. For information about the admission procedure you may contact the university’s admissions office: admissions@rug.nl or by phone +31 50 363 5877. For information concerning visas and immigration, you can contact the International Service Desk (ISD) at isd@rug.nl or by phone +31 50 363 8181.