

Graduate Programs in History

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- **Letter of intent**

For **applications to the Master's program**, the letter of intent (1 to 2 pages) should include the following four elements:

1. *Research project*: fully describe your research project and specify the national or thematic history as well as the periodization you wish to study. Identify your research goals as specifically as possible.
2. *Preparation*: comment on your background preparation and your suitability to undertake this topic: i.e., language abilities (if required), courses and seminars taken during undergraduate training, or any relevant personal research or experiences.
3. *Research supervision*: applicants must contact and identify a research supervisor, before applying to the program. Please include in your letter of intent the name of the professor who would be ready to supervise your research, should you be admitted into the program.
4. Comment on your relevant experiences (student exchange, work as a research assistant, museum/historical site guide, etc.) and explain any “anomaly” in your academic experience (e.g., low grades in one semester because of illness, time spent away from your studies, etc.).

For **applications to the PhD program**, the letter of intent (2 to 3 pages) should include the following four elements:

1. *Research project*: provide a detailed outline of the intended research project (definition of topic, research hypotheses, historiography, sources).
2. *Preparation*: comment on your suitability and preparation to study this topic: language abilities (if required), past academic training, personal research, and experiences.
3. *Research supervision*: applicants must contact and identify a research supervisor, before applying to the program. Please include in your letter of intent the name of the professor who would be ready to supervise your research, should you be admitted into the program.
4. Indicate whether you have submitted applications to obtain graduate studies scholarships from relevant agencies and, depending on result dates, if you have obtained them.

For more information, please contact the Graduate Studies Office of the Faculty of Arts at artsgrad@uottawa.ca or at 613-562-5439 or visit the website for [Graduate Studies of the Faculty of Arts](#).