



Research Master Programme Philosophy Admission procedure

PROGRAMME DETAILS

The Research Master Philosophy 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 offers 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

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 certificate 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 7.5 out of 10 (according to the Dutch Grading system, which is roughly equivalent to an A-/B+ in the US system) or better in the relevant advanced BA courses of their study programme. If the programme involved a thesis, it also must have received at least an 8 out of 10 (roughly an A/A- in the US system).
- 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):
 - IELTS, minimum overall score 7.0 with no band lower 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.

HOW TO APPLY & ADMISSIONS PROCEDURE

International students

International students first register in Studielink, and then upload their application files to the Online Application System. In order to do this, visit <http://www.rug.nl/howtoapply> and follow the steps.

National students

Dutch students register in Studielink, and then send their application files to fil-study-advisor@rug.nl. In order to register in Studielink, please visit <https://www.rug.nl/education/master/nederlandse-studenten/aanmelding-en-inschrijving/> and follow the steps.

Once we have received your application 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 (there are conditions that are to be fulfilled), or
- unconditionally admitted.

If you are 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: <https://www.rug.nl/education/master/international-students/financial-matters/> and/or <https://www.rug.nl/education/master/international-students/admission-and-application/visa-immigration/>

Non-EU/EEA are offered a tuition waiver of 50%, and can apply for talent grants of €5000 per year. All students can apply for paid Teaching Assistantships (with priority for Research Master students).

DEADLINES

For enrolment in February:

All students*: November 1st

For enrolment in September:

Non-EU/EEA students*: April 1st

EU/EEA students: May 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, please do not hesitate to contact us. For information about the content of the programme you can contact our study advisor Ms Janine Weeting at fil-study-advisor@rug.nl. For information about the admission procedure you may contact the university's admissions office: <https://www.rug.nl/admissions> For information concerning visas and immigration, you can contact Information Services at isd@rug.nl or by phone +31 50 363 8181, website: <https://www.rug.nl/education/information-services/>