

Letter of Intent

History Department Guide to Preparation

The letter of intent is an important factor in the admission process. Its main goal is to provide the graduate admission committee with information on your intended MA or Ph.D project and to ensure that we can provide adequate supervision.

Public History MA (20-month stream)

The public history research outcome is either a paper of 40-50 pages on a public history topic OR an exhibit, website or public history project accompanied by a 20-page paper documenting the research component of the project. The statement of intent should:

1. be 1-2 pages long;
2. explain your intended area of study at a general level (representations of Tudor monarchs in museum exhibits, colonialism in public statues in Victoria, historical sites run by BC parks)
3. explain your interest and/or background in public history and the kinds of internship opportunities that might interest you;
4. indicate what media you might be interested in using in your final project (essay form, film, website, blogs, photo exhibit, etc.)
5. If you have identified a supervisor you would like to work with, please indicate this here. If you have been in touch with that person previously please let us know.

Major Research Project (MRP) MA (12-month option)

The MRP research outcome is a paper of 40-45 pages that usually grows out of course work and is based on primary sources. The statement of intent should:

1. be 1-2 pages long;
2. explain your intended area of study at a general level (examples: American gender history in the 20th century; Genoese elites in 15th Century; Canadian prairie aboriginal people in the 19th century; Ukrainian environmental policy after Chernobyl);

