

**Doctorate in Clinical Psychology - University of Sheffield
Shortlisting Criteria - 2025 Intake**

Initial shortlisting checks

In order for an application to be considered in the Stage 1 shortlisting, the following criteria must be met:

- Graduate Basis for Chartership (GBC) with the BPS
- Eligible for Home Fee Status
- English language requirements
- Complete application form, including both suitability statements (references) and transcripts.

Applicants: please see our website and Clearing House pages for details of the above requirements.

Stage 1 shortlisting

In order to be invited to undertake the shortlisting test, applicants must be rated 'Yes' on **all** of the following criteria. Only use information provided on the application form and from the suitability statements. Please do not rate a dimension as 'Yes' if information is not readily available.

Area	Criteria	Rating
Eligibility for NHS England funding (see here for further details)	<p>Is the applicant eligible to access an NHS-funded training programme?</p> <p>If an applicant started training on any of the funded training programmes FROM 1 April 2022 and finished (or was/is due to finish if incomplete) AFTER September 2023, we will not be able to offer them a place on training for this year of entry and therefore you should not continue to shortlist their application.</p>	Yes/No
Suitability statements ('references')	<p>Do both suitability statements indicate that the applicant is currently suitable for Clinical Psychology training?</p> <p>If either suitability statement highlights significant concerns, you should not continue to shortlist the application.</p>	Yes/No
Academic qualifications	<p>Does the applicant have either:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A BPS-accredited undergraduate psychology degree awarded a 2.1 or higher; or 2. A non-psychology undergraduate degree awarded a 2.1 or higher AND a completed accredited psychology conversion degree? <p>For non-UK qualifications, equivalence data will be provided. Undergraduate degrees awarded a 2.2 will be considered if there is clear evidence on the application form of mitigating circumstances which impacted on the degree grade.</p>	Yes/No
Research experience	<p>Does the applicant have any of the following research experience?</p> <p>Please note, the applicant just needs to meet one of these to be rated as 'Yes'. The applicant should clearly demonstrate that they were involved in both the design and evaluation of the research project(s).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Evidence of achieving a 1st (70% and above) in an undergraduate psychology research project. 2. A completed Master's degree involving research. This includes a psychology conversion Master's degree. 3. A work role involving substantial research (e.g.: experience of working on a clinically relevant research project or service evaluation). 4. Relevant published research in a peer reviewed journal (manuscripts in preparation or submission cannot be considered) where the applicant is named as an author. 5. A completed PhD in a relevant discipline. 	Yes/No

Clinical experience	<p>Does the applicant have experience of working in a paid clinical work role under the supervision of a psychological professional for at least 18 months full-time (or the equivalent in part-time roles) at the time of applying, which includes at least one of the following aspects?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Working in a recovery- or change-oriented way with clients, using psychological models. 2. Involvement in complex assessment and formulation work, such as neuropsychological assessment work. 	Yes/No
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Stage 2 shortlisting

All applicants who meet the above criteria will be invited to undertake an **online deductive reasoning test**.
Applicants: please see our website for further information about this test.

Following the shortlisting test, the highest scoring applicants will be invited to interview.

We will also use the following processes as part of our equality, diversity and inclusion work on the programme:

- Applicants who applied under the Disability Confident Scheme who, following the shortlisting test, are placed on the interview reserve list, will be automatically offered an interview.
- The programme reserves the right to use Positive Action where appropriate within the provisions of the Equality Act (2010). Such action is permitted in order to address the underrepresentation of applicants with specific protected characteristics within the profession. We use the personal demographic details provided by the Clearing House in this Positive Action process. Therefore this is only possible where appropriate consent has been given for applicant information to be used in this way.

We plan to invite 125 people to interview.