



Dalhousie University, School of Occupational Therapy

MSc (OS) Letter of Intent Guidelines

Your application to the MSc (OS) program must include a Letter of Intent. Your letter should indicate the following, including clear headings for each:

1. Your scholarly interest(s) and how they relate to the field of occupational science.
*Thesis applicants should include:
 - A description of the research topic that you intend to pursue and how it relates to occupational science. You may specifically speak about doing a thesis in this program or related to Occupational Science. Please explain your reasons for wanting to pursue a thesis related to Occupational Science (or in the MSc (OS) program).
 - A list of potential supervisors from the School of Occupational Therapy you would be willing to work with based on similar/related research interests (please see our website) Please indicate if you have been in touch with potential thesis supervisors (who have agreed to work with you.) Students are encouraged to reach out to the MSc (OS) program about potential supervisors or to reach out to supervisors directly.
2. Your professional and/or research related goals and how the MSc (OS) program will support you in achieving your goals.
3. Please describe your research interests and describe how your previous experience has prepared you to successfully complete a thesis. Previous experiences can include, but are not limited to, experiences related to education, work, volunteer or life roles, travel, adversity etc.

*** Please see <https://www.dal.ca/academics/programs/graduate/ot-Master-of-occupational-Science/program-details.html> for more information.

a) The Letter of Intent should be:

- Maximum 3 pages double spaced, 12-point font, 2.54cm (1 inch) margins, pages numbered, with your name in the header
- Clearly written and well organized, using professional language

b) Please append your CV in the appendix. (Without page limit)

The Letter of Intent and CV will be rated on:

- Fit of scholarly interests and background with the program
- Potential for achievement of scholarly goals
- Academic excellence
- Leadership experiences