**STRUCTURED MOTIVATION LETTER**

as part of the application to the graduate/Masters university programme

*Cognitive Sciences: Cognition and the Mind*

for admission in the academic year 2025/2026

Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Rijeka, Croatia

1. **Please insert your personal information into the table.**

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| Last name |  |
| Date of birth (DD/MM/YY) |  |

1. **Please answer all three questions for you application to be considered. Please write or paste your answer straight into the word document and ensure that you stick to the word limit. References (list of literature cited in the answer to question 2.3) provided at the end of question 2.3. do not count towards the word limit.** 
   1. Why do you want to study cognitive sciences in general and *Cognitive Sciences: Cognition and the Mind* at the University of Rijeka in particular*?*

*(200 words)*

* 1. Based on your background and experiences, why are you a good fit for this programme and how will this programme aid you in developing and achieving your plans and goals for your future career?*(200 words)*
  2. Write a short research proposal that focuses on a research question within cognitive sciences that you are interested in[[1]](#footnote-2). Explain the concept/phenomenon of interest and give some short background to it. Focus the majority of the proposal on explaining how you would study it, which methods you would use, and what sort of conclusions you may be able to draw from your research[[2]](#footnote-3).

*(400-600 words)*

Please include a reference list (i.e., list of literature cited in the text of the research proposal)

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Please send the filled out Structured Motivation Letter as part of your application to [cogsci@uniri.hr](mailto:cogsci@uniri.hr) by the application deadline.

1. The research proposal does not need to be a research question that you would want to pursue during the Masters, merely a question that you are currently interested in. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. The research proposal can be theoretical or empirical. The best research proposals are focused on a specific research question that could be addressed within a single study/paper. It may be useful to provide references in the text of the proposal to back up statements or arguments. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)