**[Date]  
[Title] [Firstname] [Lastname]  
[Street Address]  
[Region] [Postal Code]**

Dear **[Title] [Lastname]**,

This is in regard to your application to the **[degree]** program in **[graduate program name]**. We regret that we cannot offer you admission to this program.

Every year, we receive a large number of applications from extremely well qualified candidates. We are able to accept only a few because of the significant amount of time our faculty members spend with each graduate student. We make our admissions decisions only after reviewing each application very carefully. The primary reason(s) for which your application was unsuccessful are noted below:

**[cut and paste the following as applicable]**

* Each application is considered in relation to other applications in the same area and only the very top applicants are admitted. Your application, considered as a whole, was not as strong as some of the others we received.
* Your application was very interesting and had several strengths. However, we have no faculty members with similar enough research interests and so were unable to secure a supervisor for you.
* The Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies sets a high academic minimum requirement for admission. Your previous academic record did not meet these requirements.

We are proud that we are able to attract excellent applicants such as yourself. We hope you will continue your search for a graduate school and we wish you the very best in your academic pursuits.

Yours truly,  
**[Firstname] [Lastname]**, PhD  
Graduate Advisor