Welcome

I am delighted that you are considering joining the University of Bristol during a uniquely exciting moment in our history.

Our global reputation for pioneering research and innovation is supported by a strong track record in industry collaboration and a research-rich culture, where we combine a rigorous approach to learning with an innovative edge. You will work in a supportive environment that will challenge and stretch you, right in the heart of one of the most beautiful and vibrant cities in Europe.

Our groundbreaking research is helping to address real-world challenges, whether that is responding to global health problems or pushing the boundaries of digital innovation. By choosing to study at Bristol, you will join a thriving community of more than 3,500 postgraduate research students. We are proud to count 13 Nobel Prize winners among our current and former staff and students.

As the Director of the Bristol Doctoral College (BDC), I am very pleased to introduce you to the postgraduate research community at the University of Bristol. The BDC works across the whole University to coordinate a central support framework for all research students, and we work closely with the academics in the research groups, schools and faculties where you will be carrying out your research. We provide support for the entire postgraduate research student community – over 3,500 students at the last count – and provide a very wide range of free training and networking opportunities so that you can develop professionally, build a strong and varied researcher portfolio, and be as prepared as possible for the next stage of your career after your research degree.

As a research student in Bristol, you will automatically become a member of the Doctoral College. You will hear from us regularly with news of the Personal and Professional Development programme for research students, our Research without Borders festival of postgraduate research and many other events and activities.

Best wishes, and we look forward to welcoming you to Bristol.

Dr Terry McMaster
Director of Bristol Doctoral College

We continue to invest heavily in our campuses, upgrading and transforming facilities to build the best possible learning environment for our students. The heart of our main Clifton campus is being remodelled to provide a central hub for student support, including a revamped indoor sports centre which opens in autumn 2018. The University of Bristol is consistently ranked within the top ten universities in the UK**, and attracts some of the best and brightest students from the UK and overseas. Please look through this guide and see what interests you. I very much hope that I shall have the pleasure of welcoming you to the University of Bristol in the near future.

Professor Hugh Brady
Vice-Chancellor and President

*The Sunday Times, Best Places to Live 2017
**QS World University Rankings 2019
The University of Bristol is internationally renowned and is one of the very best higher education institutions in the UK, thanks to its outstanding staff, superb facilities and talented students.

Distinguished heritage
The University has had a reputation for innovation since it was founded in 1909. It was the first institute of higher education in the country to admit women on an equal basis with men, and in 1946 established the UK’s first university drama department. More recently, the University has influenced many aspects of society through cutting-edge research in areas as diverse as infection and immunity, human rights, climate change, and cryptography and information security.

A world-class university
Staff at Bristol are experts in their fields and work at the forefront of their academic disciplines – which means that their students do, too. Our academic excellence is also reflected in the 13 Nobel laureates who have been associated with the University community, including our current Chancellor, Sir Paul Nurse.

We attract students from all over the world, creating a rich and exciting international community. We aim to equip our students with the knowledge and skills to succeed in their chosen career in a competitive global market.

As a member of the Russell Group, Bristol is one of the UK’s leading research universities. The University is rated in the top 10 in the UK and is a top five UK university for research.

Investing in our campus
We aim to create the best available teaching and learning environment, giving you the support and resourcers you need to achieve your academic ambitions. There are eight libraries on the Clifton campus and one at the Bristol Veterinary School at Langford, along with two managed study centres.

We have over 1.4 million books and journals in our collections of print materials. We also provide online access to hundreds of thousands of academic journals, giving you the flexibility to work where and when you want.

A programme of major redevelopment began in 2016 and will create a pedestrianised, student-centred focus for our Clifton campus. A new, multi-purpose Study Resource Hub at the centre of the campus will offer creative learning and social space and a study support centre, while our improved indoor sports centre opens in autumn 2018 after a £4.9 million redevelopment.

In 2019, work begins on the Temple Quarter Enterprise Campus, our new £300 million campus with a focus on teaching and research in digital technologies.

1 QS World University Rankings, 2019
2 Times Higher Education analysis of the latest Research Excellence Framework (2014)
Why Bristol

Our outstanding research profile is underpinned by the contribution of our postgraduate researchers and the help they receive from the Bristol Doctoral College. This supportive environment will help you achieve your research ambitions.

Our research environment
The University of Bristol is recognised globally for the standard of its teaching and quality of its research, while our students enjoy the benefits of living in a first-rate British city.

• Supporting researchers
  Professional support, career development and funding opportunities are just some of the reasons why the University is one of the UK’s best employers of researchers. We received the HR Excellence in Research award in 2010, and successfully retained it in 2015, demonstrating our commitment to the career development of our employed researchers.

• A vibrant community
  The University and the Students’ Union offer a wealth of opportunities for research students, enhanced greatly by the social, cultural and sporting landscape offered by Bristol itself. The Bristol Doctoral College community (see pp18–19) builds opportunities for the more than 3,500 postgraduate researchers across the University.

• Engaging with the public
  Engaging with the public about our research and teaching is an integral and exciting part of academic life at Bristol. It ensures our work has impact and relevance beyond the University’s walls and that society’s values and opinions inform our research.

GW4 Alliance
When you join the University of Bristol for your PhD, you will become part of the GW4 Alliance, comprising four of the most research-intensive and innovative universities in the UK: the Universities of Bath, Bristol, Cardiff and Exeter. This network offers postgraduate research students access to a collaborative network, expert training opportunities and shared resources. To find out more, visit www.gw4.ac.uk/doctoral-training.

Bristol Futures
Unique to the University, Bristol Futures helps shape our students into successful individuals who go on to make a positive impact where they live and work. It is embedded across the student experience, enabling you to develop key skills and attributes through open online courses, engagement opportunities and other activities.

Your development
The University encourages personal growth alongside the pursuit of academic excellence. We ensure that research students excel in their studies and emerge as both outstanding researchers and well-rounded, highly employable individuals.

• Personal and Professional Development (PPD) programme
  Our externally accredited PPD programme is designed to ensure that all postgraduate research students have access to the training and resources needed to help get the most out of their time at Bristol, and acquire the knowledge and experience to succeed in whatever career path they may choose.

• Training and events
  The Bristol Doctoral College organises a wide range of training sessions, collaborative events, interactive workshops and engagement opportunities. Our annual Research without Borders festival enables doctoral students to showcase their research to the public, industry professionals and academic peers.

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As part of the Russell Group, Bristol is proud to be one of the UK’s leading universities, with an established record of producing groundbreaking research that makes an impact on society at local, national and international levels.

We have an excellent international reputation in research and are a member of the Worldwide Universities Network, a group of 23 research-led institutions of international standing. For more information, please visit bristol.ac.uk/research/environment/alliances.

The Research Excellence Framework is the system for assessing the quality of research in UK higher education institutions. In the latest submission (REF 2014), our research was shown to be of high quality and to have a major impact on local, national and international levels.

Professional doctorates (EdD, EngD, DEdPsych, MD, DDS) These qualifications are typically suited to professional practitioners already qualified to an advanced level in their area of specialism, who wish to deepen and challenge their understanding. They include EngD programmes designed to suit industry needs, where research engineers spend about 75 per cent of their time working in a company on collaborative research projects.

Extended doctoral programmes A growing number of students choose extended programmes (typically four years of study), which include specialist taught training and advanced research projects, often before selecting an area of particular interest to pursue to doctoral level. This route is especially popular in the science and engineering-based disciplines.

Funded doctoral training As a leading research-intensive university, Bristol receives funding for doctoral education from a wide range of sources, and has one of the largest concentrations of funded Doctoral Training Partnerships and Centres in the UK. These often offer full scholarships for three to four years, and many are run in collaboration with other universities, or global companies, providing access to a wealth of resources. For further information about these programmes, please see pp38-39.

International dual PhD Bristol offers a number of dual PhD opportunities for doctoral students. A dual PhD award is one which leads to single joint doctorates from two partner institutions within a co-supervised research degree programme. These opportunities provide an enhanced training experience that gives access to a wide range of academic expertise, research facilities and international networks. Candidates are registered at the two universities for the full period of their study, write one thesis that is examined independently by each institution, and spend approximately 50 per cent of their programme at each location. Bristol supervisors partner with colleagues from Australia, Mexico, Europe and South Africa and students are recruited to specific research projects. For more information, visit bristol.ac.uk/doctoral-college/partnerships.

Distance learning Several of our schools offer the opportunity for you to complete your research degree via distance learning. Supervisors can be contacted by video link, telephone or email, while scheduled visits to the University provide opportunities for face-to-face contact.

Most of the library’s electronic resources – including journal archives, e-books and library catalogues – are available to use both on site and at a distance. If you’re thinking about applying to study by distance learning, please contact the relevant school in the first instance to explore whether this is possible.

Supervisor search Our website gives you the opportunity to find a PhD programme by searching the research interests of your potential supervisor. Go to bristol.ac.uk/pg-study to explore your options.
Global

We welcome students from all over the world, and Bristol’s vibrant, multicultural community helps to create a friendly and safe environment in which to live and study. Together with our international outlook and the worldwide impact of our research, this is what makes Bristol a truly global university.

Preparing to come to Bristol
Our international recruitment team offers guidance and information on our range of programmes, entry requirements and scholarships. Throughout the year, representatives from the team travel the world to meet prospective students and answer queries. Details of our visits can be found at bristol.ac.uk/international/countries/visits.html.

During arrivals weekend, we provide a meet-and-greet service at Heathrow and Bristol Airports. In the Richmond Building, the International Welcome Lounge is a place where you can relax and get to know your fellow students, and where advisers are on hand to answer your questions. The Student Visa Services team is here to support you from the moment you accept an offer of a place right through to graduation in securing and ensuring you comply with your UK student visa. For advice and information, visit bristol.ac.uk/directory/visas.

English language requirements
If your first language is not English, you will need to reach a suitable standard in an approved English language test; visit bristol.ac.uk/pg-language-requirements.

Our Centre for English Language and Foundation Studies offers intensive courses to help you improve your language skills, both in preparation for and during your studies.

Working in partnership
Bristol benefits from research and teaching partnerships with universities across the world. We are part of the Russell Group of research-intensive UK universities, the Worldwide Universities Network, the Association of Commonwealth Universities, and the Coimbra group. We will continue to improve our strong record of international collaboration across our teaching and research, including the development of dual PhD awards.

Our research has far-reaching global impact. For example, findings from the School of Sociology, Politics and International Studies on the importance of civil participation in post-conflict states are widely employed from the Balkans and Afghanistan to sub-Saharan Africa. Meanwhile, geophysicists are using satellites to provide advance warning of eruptions from forgotten volcanoes around the world, thanks to Dr Juliet Biggs and colleagues in the School of Earth Sciences. And strategic animal husbandry changes developed by our researchers have been adapted for use in New Zealand, a major dairy producer with over 11,000 farms and 4.5 million cows.

Just like the city, the University is a beautiful mixture of cultures and ideas from all over the world.’
Chara (PhD Translational Health Sciences)
Bristol’s researchers share ideas and expertise to tackle global challenges, help solve practical problems and mentor future generations. Our pioneering academics are involved in addressing some of the world’s most pressing issues, from climate change to cardiovascular disease.

Our research institutes draw together world-leading academics from across different disciplines and build on our culture of innovation, strong community and outstanding facilities.

Seabed life promises new wave of antibiotics
The search is on for new antibiotics, with antimicrobial resistance now one of the world’s most pressing public health issues. Researchers from the Bristol BioDesign Institute have discovered microorganisms on the Pacific seabed that can produce molecules with potent antibiotic properties. This raises the prospect of producing a new generation of drugs to combat so-called superbugs – strains of bacteria that are resistant to current antibiotics.

At the cutting edge of 5G technology
Experts from Bristol, King’s College London and the University of Surrey are developing a world-class 5G technology test network to put Britain at the forefront of the next wave of mobile technology. 5G is expected to deliver reliable ultra-fast mobile connectivity and could be used in new technologies with the potential to revolutionise society, such as autonomous vehicles, augmented reality, remote surgery and smart homes.

Artificial snow makes big-screen debut
A new form of artificial snow is now being used in blockbuster movies, such as Murder on the Orient Express, thanks to a collaboration between the School of Chemistry and industry supplier Snow Business. Master’s student Lizzie Mould investigated hundreds of combinations of chemicals before finding the right formula to create realistic-looking snow that is safe, affordable and environmentally friendly.

Success in sight-saving treatment
The eye disease uveitis affects thousands of children every year – but a landmark trial has enabled worldwide access to new, sight-saving medication. Professor Athimalaipet Ramanan’s study team investigated the use of the drug adalimumab to control inflammation in the eye and reduce permanent damage. It was found to be so successful that NHS England gave immediate approval for access to the treatment across England. It has been licensed for use in Europe and this may soon be replicated in the US.

More summer sunshine leading to increased Greenland ice melt
A team of scientists led by the University of Bristol has discovered that a marked decrease in summer cloud cover over the past 20 years has significantly accelerated melt from the Greenland ice sheet. The researchers found that since 1995 Greenland has lost about 4,000 gigatons of ice, which has become the biggest single contributor to the rise in global sea levels.
Our institutes position Bristol among the world’s leading research-intensive universities.

Seven new specialist research institutes have been established to complement the University’s four existing cross-disciplinary research institutes, which work across faculties to meet both the challenges of leading-edge research and the external demands of government, business and society.

Specialist research institutes

**Bristol BioDesign Institute**
With wide-ranging applications, from health to food security, this institute combines pioneering synthetic biology approaches with an understanding of biomolecular systems to deliver rational design and engineering of biological systems for useful purposes.

**Bristol Composites Institute (ACCIS)**
Advanced composite materials are critical to reducing weight, energy consumption and CO2 generation in transport applications. ACCIS takes a lead role in composites education and research, combining cutting-edge fundamental science with strong industrial links to deliver technology transfer.

**Bristol Heart Institute**
Bristol Heart Institute is a world-leading centre for translational cardiovascular research and one of the leading academic cardiac surgery centres in the UK. It specialises in preventing, predicting, detecting, reducing and treating cardiovascular disease.

**Bristol Institute for Migration and Mobility Studies**
Drawing from multidisciplinary perspectives, this institute looks at why people move from one place to another; the social, economic and cultural consequences of migration; and, importantly, the actual experience of migration.

**Bristol Population Health Science Institute**
This institute builds on Bristol’s reputation for research in the determinants and consequences of ill health. It takes a multidisciplinary approach to studying the health of populations, from molecules to communities.

**Bristol Poverty Institute**
Drawing on 25 years’ experience, the Bristol Poverty Institute focuses on practical solutions and policies designed to eradicate world poverty.

**Bristol Quantum Information Institute**
This institute crystallises the University’s research in all areas of quantum information science, from theory to technology. It provides superb teaching and training for the future generation of quantum scientists and engineers and the prototypes of tomorrow.

University research institutes

**Brigstow Institute**
Brigstow brings together researchers from different disciplines and across Bristol to experiment in new ways of living and being.

**Cabot Institute**
Cabot Institute conducts world-leading research on the challenges arising from how we live with, depend on and affect our planet. Its main themes are: global environmental change; food security; water; low-carbon energy; natural hazards; and future cities.

**Elizabeth Blackwell Institute for Health Research**
This institute brings together leading researchers from disparate fields to collaborate on solutions to the most pressing health problems of the 21st century. At the core of every project is a mission to produce tangible outcomes that can be translated into clinical practice.

**Jean Golding Institute**
This institute is a central hub for data science and data-intensive research at the University, focusing on data-driven solutions to societal challenges and exploring ways to visualise and present information.
A postgraduate degree from Bristol is the start of an exciting career journey. Our postgraduates go on to become inspiring and influential leaders in a huge variety of fields.

Specialists at the University's Careers Service support postgraduates through expert knowledge, tailored events and strong links with leading employers. Postgraduates at Bristol have many opportunities to meet employers from industry, business, local start-ups and third sector organisations. Our Careers Service runs discipline-specific careers fairs, which attract industry leaders. As a Bristol postgraduate, you are strongly encouraged to build a professional network in your chosen career.

Get ahead
We understand that as a postgraduate your career aspirations and ambitions may be different from those of an undergraduate. Specific postgraduate events, vacancies and resources will help you realise your ambitions, make well-informed career decisions, and learn how to articulate the skills you develop during your postgraduate degree. Creating an exceptional CV will be one of your starting points. Our expert Careers Service staff run talks for postgraduates on academic and non-academic CVs, as well as giving one-to-one CV feedback.

Challenge accepted
Discovering the range of opportunities open to you as a postgraduate should be fun and inspiring. Whether you’re attending a talk on options after your PhD or organising a conference, the Bristol PLUS Award offers a framework to help you structure your career planning and skills development. Visit bristol.ac.uk/careers/employable/plus-award to find out more.

Take some risks
Bristol postgraduates are fantastic problem solvers and we actively encourage the innovators and entrepreneurs of the future. Bristol has a reputation as a leading centre for creativity and technical innovation, and the Careers Service can support you to become part of this. We offer business masterclasses, workshops, start-up support, competitions and one-to-one enterprise consultations. We also provide access to the award-winning SETsquared partnership, which has links with a team of consultants and external business advisers: bristol.ac.uk/careers/student-enterprise.

Personal and professional development
Our Personal and Professional Development (PPD) programme, co-ordinated by the Bristol Doctoral College, is open to all postgraduate researchers and has been designed to support you during the different stages of your research degree. We offer workshops and resources to help you to become an effective researcher and develop the transferrable skills that will be valuable for your research project and beyond.

bristol.ac.uk/careers
Bristol Doctoral College

Bristol Doctoral College (BDC) grows, develops and supports our community of postgraduate researchers across all research programmes at the University of Bristol.

We work to ensure that the environment in which you carry out your research is supportive, that the skills training you receive is of the highest possible quality, and that you are well prepared for the next stage in your career.

To support our research community, we:

• co-ordinate a number of PhD scholarship schemes, such as the China Scholarship Council/University of Bristol joint scholarships programme;

• work with our extensive network of doctoral training centres to attract the best students to Bristol;

• develop a suite of PhD programmes with global partner universities that allows students to carry out research with both partner institutions;

• work to extend the opportunities for you to gain experience and to do research in collaboration with industry partners;

• hold an inauguration ceremony for our research students that celebrates their achievements and anticipates their contributions to our multidisciplinary research community.

Building a highly skilled community of researchers

Bristol’s outstanding research profile is underpinned by the contribution of our postgraduate researchers. Our team of dedicated staff supports a thriving and innovative interdisciplinary community of researchers.

We provide a co-ordinated, University-wide approach to doctoral training and researcher development. Our comprehensive programme of personal and professional development activities helps ensure that doctoral researchers excel in their studies. This programme was commended by the UK Quality Assurance Audit for Higher Education in 2016. From public speaking to project management, networking to writing quality papers, our programme of training also enables research students to develop the skills and competencies to succeed in their chosen career.

We organise a wide range of training sessions, collaborative events, interactive workshops and engagement opportunities, specifically designed for doctoral researchers. Our annual Research without Borders festival of postgraduate research enables doctoral students to showcase their research to the public, industry professionals and academic peers. The fortnightly BDC Bulletin keeps the postgraduate research community up to date with the latest news and opportunities across the University and beyond.

For more information about Bristol Doctoral College, visit bristol.ac.uk/doctoral-college.
We want you to get the most out of your time at University, and aim to provide a safe, supportive environment in which you can reach your potential.

Our comprehensive network of support services is available across the University. In your residences, our academic schools and through central services such as student counselling and student health.

Support for your wellbeing

We can support you in managing your health and wellbeing as well as putting you in touch with support staff, who provide a visible and approachable source of expert help 24/7, 365 days a year. The team includes 120 Chief and Senior Residents who live in our residences and provide a familiar face and peer support for their fellow students.

- With your health – the Students’ Health Service offers a full range of NHS GP services. It is run by a team of doctors, nurses and administrative staff with specific expertise in student issues.
- With a disability – students who come to Bristol with ongoing health conditions, mental health or specific learning difficulties, autism spectrum conditions, sensory impairments or mobility difficulties can access additional advice and support from Disability Services.
- With your faith and spirituality – the Multifaith Chaplaincy offers confidential pastoral and spiritual support, religious information and advice, regular events, and a welcoming space for people of all faiths and none.

Health and wellbeing

Making the transition to a new university can be challenging. We offer a range of services to support you in managing your health and wellbeing. As well as helping you to access local NHS services, our Student Counselling Service provides group and individual counselling. We encourage students with enduring mental health or specific learning difficulties, autism spectrum conditions, sensory impairments or mobility difficulties to access additional advice and support from Disability Services.

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- Disability Services: provides advice and support.
- Multifaith Chaplaincy: offers confidential pastoral and spiritual support.
- Support for students with children: Our subsidised day nursery is located on the Clifton campus. It can accommodate children from three months to five years old and is open weekdays throughout the year.

Private rented accommodation

There is a good supply of accommodation available from private landlords in Bristol. The Accommodation Office provides information and guidance about renting privately and can point you to websites where landlords and students advertise for tenants. We also run a residential house search event in August, giving you the opportunity to meet other postgraduates and to look for private rented accommodation as an individual or with other students as a group.

Accommodation guarantee

We guarantee to offer you University-allocated accommodation for one year provided that you:
- are paying fees at the overseas rate;
- apply by the given deadline;
- are unaccompanied;
- have accepted an offer of a place of study;
- are a new, full-time student in your first year of study at the University of Bristol;
- will be starting your studies in September and will be here for a full academic year.

Please be aware that the guarantee does not apply to students who pay fees at the UK/EU rate. However, you may still be able to apply for University-allocated accommodation even if you do not meet the criteria for a guaranteed offer. From August, we will email all non-guaranteed applicants with updates on the availability of University accommodation and information about alternative housing options.

Support you’ll receive

All postgraduate students living in University-allocated accommodation have the support of pastoral staff, who are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The team is trained to provide a wide range of expert help, including advice and guidance on pastoral issues, community-building and student development activities, and student support and mentoring. Building representatives are also on site, in case there’s an issue with damage to your room or flat or if something needs to be repaired. For more information on the support available, visit bristol.ac.uk/study/postgraduate/student-life/wellbeing.

Our Accommodation Office will help you find somewhere to live, and can advise you on both University and private accommodation throughout your time at Bristol.

We offer an advice service for students with particular housing needs, such as students with disabilities and those with young families. Details of all our services, including films of our residences, can be found at bristol.ac.uk/accommodation.

Accommodation options

University-allocated accommodation

The University offers around 1,500 self-catered single rooms for postgraduate students, all located within walking distance of the University. If you are accompanied by a partner or family, you can apply for one of a small number of University couple and family flats. The online application process starts in May and offers will be emailed from July; please check our website for further information.

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There’s much more to Bristol than Banksy, Brunel and hot air balloons. It’s a vibrant, friendly city that’s really geared towards student life.

Welcome to Bristol

With its lively music and arts scenes, enticing places to eat and drink, fantastic range of shops and plenty of relaxing green spaces, Bristol offers a distinctive blend of historic charm and dynamic, creative energy.

Be inspired

In Bristol, offbeat street art, eclectic craft collectives and innovative games developers sit happily alongside celebrated art galleries and museums. As a UNESCO City of Film, Bristol is a hub for film studios, producers and animators, creating groundbreaking work such as the BBC’s Planet Earth II. It’s also a popular filming location – many memorable scenes from the BBC’s Sherlock were shot in Bristol. You’ll find plenty of inspiration from our growing creative economy.

Café culture

Wherever you go in Bristol, you won’t be far from a cosy independent café (or three). Bring your books for a working lunch, enjoy the view from a scenic roof terrace, or spend a lazy Sunday playing board games. There’s an abundance of good eateries, too. In the city centre, award-winning restaurants rub shoulders with the stalls of St Nicholas Market, where you’ll find an abundant choice of global food in all its variety.

Festival fun

Indoors and out, Bristol’s festivals celebrate everything from comedy to cinema and boats to balloons. In the summer, Bristol Harbour Festival and the International Balloon Fiesta are highlights, while the Simple Things festival brings adventurous new sounds every autumn.

A city for life

When you experience the quality of life Bristol has to offer – the perfect mix of urban bustle and rural tranquility – you will be pleased that you chose to come here. Its maritime and industrial heritage combines with a forward-thinking creative and digital economy. Small enough to remain independent and friendly, large enough to be vibrant and diverse, Bristol is a beautiful and exciting city to explore.
We welcome applications from talented candidates of all backgrounds and we are committed to promoting equal opportunities.

Choose your programme
Browse this prospectus and the online programme finder to find a programme that you are interested in. Check the online programme catalogue for full details of unit titles and content.

Visit Bristol
If you want to find out more about studying at Bristol, our annual university-wide postgraduate open day takes place in November. We also hold regular tours, talks and café on campus for prospective postgraduate students.

Begin your application
Entry requirements can be found in the admissions statement for your chosen programme. Application deadlines will be stated in the online programme finder; however, you should try to apply as early as possible because places are limited and programmes may fill up. If you are applying for funding, check with your funding body for any additional deadlines.

Make a research proposal
Check the admissions statement for your chosen programme to see if you are required to identify an area of research that you are interested in. You should consider the supervision interests of members of staff in the relevant department when writing your statement.

Submit your application
As part of the online application, you will need to submit additional supporting documents. You should read the programme admissions statement thoroughly to ensure you have included all required documents.

Your application
We offer an online application system for all our programmes. Begin your application at bristol.ac.uk/pg-howtoapply. You can use the online application system to keep track of the progress of your application, view the decision and, if applicable, accept our offer of admission.

Further details
• You should submit a minimum of two academic references dated within the past two years. These should be from someone who oversaw your degree studies.
• If you graduated more than two years ago, we may accept professional references to support your application.
• You should submit interim official transcripts of marks or final official degree certificates and final official transcripts of marks.
• English language certificates are required if English is not your native language and your undergraduate degree was not taught entirely in an English-speaking country.

Check your progress
For research programmes, we aim to get in touch with you within five days. You can check the progress of your application using the online application system.

Making a research proposal
A good research proposal includes information about the academic impact of your research, as well as the material or data you will need to access. You should include details of relevant skills and how you will manage your time at the University. Your proposal can be amended as you refine your study with us.

Studentships, professional doctorates and Doctoral Training Centre applications
To apply for a studentship or professional doctorate, you should speak to the relevant supervisor or programme director before making your application online. To apply for one of the funded doctoral training programmes, please check bristol.ac.uk/doctoral-college/centres for further information.
Tuition fees are reviewed each year and will depend on your programme of study and fee status. We classify all students as UK, EU or overseas for fees purposes.

The amount you pay for tuition fees and the financial support on offer will depend on your classification. You can find further information and advice on fee classification at bristol.ac.uk/fee-status.

Tuition fees can be paid in full at registration or in two instalments. Payment may be made online, by direct debit or by credit/debit card. For further details, email student-fees@bristol.ac.uk or call the Student Fees Office on +44 (0)117 954 6372. For information on online payments, please visit bristol.ac.uk/fees-funding/tuition-fees/payment.

Additional fees
Some programmes charge a bench fee in addition to tuition fees. Bench fees cover specific extra costs, usually associated with specialist laboratory or field work. If there is a bench fee for the programme you are interested in, this will be stated on the relevant page of our online programme finder: bristol.ac.uk/pg-study.

Some postgraduate research programmes charge a fee related to submission of the final thesis or extension of the usual period of registration.

Tuition fees for students from the European Union
The UK government has confirmed that EU students starting at the University in 2019/20 will be eligible for home fee status. This means that they will be charged the same tuition fees as UK students throughout the duration of their course. For the latest information, visit bristol.ac.uk/fee-status.

Cost of living
Living costs in Bristol are higher than in some other parts of the country, although less than in London. Currently, postgraduate students might need around £300-£350 per month in addition to tuition fees. You will need to think about accommodation, food, utilities, books, entertainment and other costs. For more information about living costs, please see bristol.ac.uk/living-expenses.

Finding funding
If you are considering a postgraduate degree, it's a good idea to think about funding as soon as possible. The Bristol Doctoral College provides an overview of funding options and some tips for applying. Visit bristol.ac.uk/pg-los-loans-phd.

Postgraduate loans
PGD students ordinarily resident in England can take out a government loan (up to £25,000) in 2018/19 towards the costs of their studies. You can use the loan as you wish towards the cost of your qualification, whether on tuition, maintenance, or any other costs associated with study. For more details, please visit bristol.ac.uk/fees-funding/postgraduate/pg-loans-phd.

Professional and Career Development Loan
Professional and Career Development Loans are bank loans to pay for courses and training that help with your career or help get you into work. You may be able to borrow between £300 and £10,000. Loans are usually offered at a reduced interest rate and the government pays interest while you’re studying. Visit www.gov.uk/career-development-loans. The loan scheme will close to new applications on 25 January 2019.

University of Bristol alumni scholarship
If you are a University of Bristol student or graduate, you could benefit from a ten per cent reduction in your tuition fees for postgraduate study at Bristol. For full details and eligibility requirements, visit bristol.ac.uk/pg-los-loans-phd.

Scholarships and bursaries
The University offers a number of scholarships and awards to postgraduate research students. Some funding is programme-specific; you could also contact your prospective department to find out if it offers any other awards. Visit bristol.ac.uk/doctoral-college/prospective-research-students/funding.

Trusts and charities
The Alternative Guide to Postgraduate Funding (www.postgraduate-funding.com) provides contact information for a wide range of charities and organisations that offer grants for postgraduate study. As a prospective student, you can access the guide for free. Email careers-service@bristol.ac.uk to request your PIN.
Bristol has one of the largest concentrations of funding and support for doctoral research and training in the UK sector. There are more than 300 PhD studentships available each year across the whole spectrum of Bristol research. Many of these studentships are nationally funded, with support from UK Research and Innovation and other major funders, including the Wellcome Trust and the British Heart Foundation among others. This investment funding, coupled with our top-five position in the most recent UK-wide Research Excellence Framework*, means we can offer numerous opportunities for funded, world-class PhD research.

The studentships will often cover fees and living costs for successful candidates. Some doctoral programmes are delivered in collaboration with other universities and research organisations, or with regional and global companies, giving doctoral students access to a wealth of resources and opportunities.

Centres for Doctoral Training
In recent years, Bristol has led eight Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC) Centres for Doctoral Training (CDTs), and was a partner in six additional collaborative CDTs. An application for continued funding for these programmes has been submitted to EPSRC and is being considered at the time of this prospectus going to press. Confirmation of funding from 2019-20 onwards will be available from December 2018. Please check bristol.ac.uk/pg-study for the most up-to-date information. CDTs that are supported by other funders in diverse areas across the sciences continue to offer research training opportunities.

Doctoral Training Partnerships
Doctoral Training Partnerships (DTPs) are funded by the other UK research councils and typically span several universities.

In 2016, the Medical Research Council awarded £4.6 million to launch the GW4 BioMed Doctoral Training Partnership (DTP), bringing together the Universities of Bath, Bristol, Cardiff and Exeter to develop the next generation of medical researchers.

The South, West and Wales Doctoral Training Partnership has been awarded £14.2 million by the Arts and Humanities Research Council. This DTP represents a collaboration with seven other universities and draws on the resources and expertise of non-academic partners such as BBC Drama, the National Trust and English Heritage.

The Natural Environment Research Council (NERC) funded the NERC Great Western Four+ Doctoral Training Partnership to train tomorrow’s research leaders in earth and environmental sciences. As with all existing NERC doctoral training partnerships, a decision on renewed funding for this DTP is due to be made in autumn 2018.

The South West Biosciences Doctoral Training Partnership is one of 12 DTPs funded by the Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council to provide PhD training across the UK in areas of strategic relevance. It provides training in two priority areas: Agriculture and Food Security, and World-class Underpinning Bioscience.

The South West Doctoral Training Partnership represents a collaboration between the Universities of Bristol, Exeter, Bath, Plymouth and the West of England, bringing together social science academic leaders across 17 disciplinary and interdisciplinary pathways.

The Faculty of Arts provides world-class academic and professional training for more than 600 postgraduates across a broad range of academic disciplines.

**PhD English Literature**

We are proud of our expertise in medieval and early-modern literature, Romantic and Victorian literature, modern and contemporary writing in English. The department is notable for its breadth of research in English poetry across the periods, and our range of specialist interests includes: literary theory, the history of book, literature and science, digital humanities, women’s writing and gender studies, queer writing, postcolonial literature and Black British writing.

**PhD Film and Television**

The Department of Film and Television offers supervisory expertise in a wide range of subject areas, including Holocaust cinema, contemporary film and television, and gender studies, and explores new ways to express ideas and material artefacts. Our research spans from early protohistory to the modern day, focusing on adaptation, advocacy and globalisation.

**PhD Classics and Ancient History**

We carry out research across the whole range of disciplines.

- **Philosophy**
  - Focus on interdisciplinary approaches and theological questions, and an initiative to edit postgraduate creative writing.

- **History**
  - The study of military, cultural, biological and social change: the spread of peoples, their ideas and practices. Our work is fundamental to our work. We research how Buddhism, Christianity and Judaism. We use interdisciplinary approaches and theological concerns, and an initiative to edit postgraduate creative writing.

- **Music**
  - The Department of Music is a centre of research excellence in both composition and musicology. In composition, we are known for our expertise in a number of areas, including acoustic music, electro-acoustic and composition exploring the interface of Western and non-Western traditions. In musicology, research strengths include not only the early music tradition, but also screen media, and non-Western and popular music. We also have expertise in the early Middle Ages, and in the 19th and 20th centuries.

- **Philosophy**
  - Key strengths lie in our integrated approaches to understanding cultural, historical, and material ideas and material artefacts. Our research spans from early protohistory to the modern day, focusing on adaptation, advocacy and globalisation.

- **Classics**
  - Staff specialising in the Department of History. Research students lead the organisation of a postgraduate seminar series in library and visual landsacpe, and an initiative to edit postgraduate creative writing.

- **Panoramic Traditions**
  - Staff specialising in the Department of History. Research students lead the organisation of a postgraduate seminar series in library and visual landsacpe, and an initiative to edit postgraduate creative writing.

- **History of Art**
  - History of Art and Cultural History of the Medieval Period. We promote a vigorous research culture in a co- operative and positive atmosphere.

- **Medieval Studies**
  - Bristol’s importance as medieval England’s second city and a major maritime port for trade and exploration makes it an excellent setting for interdisciplinary intellectual exchange. Research into new research degrees is supported in the following subject areas: archaeology, drama, English, French, History, History of art, Italian, medieval Latin, music, and religion and theology.

- **Religion and Theology**
  - The Department of Religion and Theology has a strong and innovative research culture, with leading researchers in the history and thought and practice of Buddhism, Christianity and Judaism. We use a wide range of linguistic, historical, philosophical and theological methodologies, and provide new opportunities for postgraduates to build a strong portfolio of skills and experiences in preparation for an academic career and professional life beyond university.

- **Russian and Czech**
  - The Department of Russian prides itself on its strong, active research culture, with research interests of staff span a broad range of disciplines. We support postgraduate research in many areas, such as 20th-century Russian drama and theatre, Russian and comparative literature, Russian Orientalism, and 19th- and 20th-century Russian intellectual history.

- **Theatre and Performance**
  - The Department of Theatre offers supervision expertise in a wide range of subject areas, including early modern and contemporary theatre and performance practices, 19th- and 20th-century theatre and performance, contemporary British theatre, adaptation, advocacy and globalisation.
Faculty of Engineering

As a postgraduate student studying engineering at Bristol, you will be immersed in a vibrant community at the heart of a faculty intimately linked to world-class engineering industry.

PhD Aerospace Engineering
Research in the Department of Aerospace Engineering spans experimental, numerical, theoretical and computational aspects of engineering as applied to aerospace-related problems. Our research programmes are aimed at independent and self-motivated applicants, as all postgraduates are expected to publish their research findings at international conferences. All postgraduates are expected to publish their research findings at international conferences. Researchers in high-quality journals and present at independent and self-motivated applicants, as all postgraduates are expected to publish their research findings at international conferences.

PhD Civil Engineering
Multidisciplinary research in the Department of Civil Engineering addresses the global need for research in experimental, numerical, theoretical and computational aspects of engineering as applied to aerospace-related problems. Our research programmes are aimed at independent and self-motivated applicants, as all postgraduates are expected to publish their research findings at international conferences. All postgraduates are expected to publish their research findings at international conferences. Researchers in high-quality journals and present at independent and self-motivated applicants, as all postgraduates are expected to publish their research findings at international conferences.

PhD Electrical and Electronic Engineering
Electrical and Electronic Engineering reflects the expertise of staff members in research groups spanning dynamics and control, solid mechanics, engineering systems and design, ultrasonics and non-destructive testing, robotics, and fluid and aerodynamics. Research in the Department of Mechanical Engineering integrates an industry-based research project with research training in technical subjects, as well as business skills and transferable skills training. Due to the nature of the funding, this programme is open to home/EU students only.

PhD Engineering Mathematics
The Department of Engineering Mathematics carries out cutting edge research in areas where mathematics is being applied to future challenges in engineering, industry and the life sciences. We also make fundamental theoretical and computational advances.

PhD Mechanical Engineering
Research in the Department of Mechanical Engineering focuses on cancer biology, developmental biology and neuroscience. Our excellent facilities include the Vesalius Centre, which houses a state-of-the-art clinical anatomy suite with opportunities to use unfixed human tissue for both research and training purposes. This centre provides a wide range of opportunities for translational research.

PhD Molecular, Genetic and Lifecourse Epidemiology
Population Health Sciences is part of Bristol Medical School. Our multidisciplinary staff members include statisticians, epidemiologists, geneticists, sociologists, psychologists, anthropologists, health economists, public health physicians, medical ethicists, computational biologists, neuroscientists, and various community-based physicians and nurses. We welcome graduates from all these disciplines to carry out postgraduate research.

PhD Oral and Dental Sciences
Bristol Dental School combines laboratory-based and clinically applied research, and fosters a high level of collaboration between staff and students. There are three research groups, with interests in applied clinical and material sciences; life course epidemiology and population oral health; and infection and immunology. Each group comprises clinical and basic scientists to promote interdisciplinary and translational research.

PhD Geological Sciences
The Faculty of Earth Sciences is committed to providing the highest standards of teaching in an excellent research environment.

Faculty of Health Sciences

As a postgraduate student studying medicine at Bristol, you will be immersed in a vibrant community at the heart of a faculty intimately linked to world-class health sciences.

PhD Anatomy
Research within the Centre for Applied Anatomy focuses on cancer biology, developmental biology and neuroscience. Our excellent facilities include the Vesalius Centre, which houses a state-of-the-art clinical anatomy suite with opportunities to use unfixed human tissue for both research and training purposes. This centre provides a wide range of opportunities for translational research.

PhD Pharmacy
PhD Pharmacy offers a range of research opportunities in areas such as pharmaceutical sciences, medical sciences, and health sciences.

PhD Public Health Sciences
Population Health Sciences is part of Bristol Medical School. Our multidisciplinary staff members include statisticians, epidemiologists, geneticists, sociologists, psychologists, anthropologists, health economists, public health physicians, medical ethicists, computational biologists, neuroscientists, and various community-based physicians and nurses. We welcome graduates from all these disciplines to carry out postgraduate research.

PhD Translational Health Sciences
Translational Health Sciences is part of Bristol Medical School. Staff and students are based in high-quality research and clinical settings across the city, including the Bristol Royal Infirmary, Southmead Hospital and the advanced laboratory facilities in the Dorothy Hodgkin Building. The school undertakes laboratory-based, translational and applied research, fostering a high level of collaboration between students and staff.

PhD Veterinary Sciences
Research activity in the Bristol Veterinary School encompasses both clinical excellence and strong basic science, and focus on three research themes: animal behaviour and welfare; infection and immunity (including inflammation), and comparative and clinical research. Postgraduate research is largely based at the Langford campus, which houses a large number of research groups along with Langford Veterinary Services and the University farm.
Faculty of Life Sciences

The Faculty of Life Sciences embraces cross-cutting themes in the modern life sciences, ranging from ecology and human behaviour to biomedical mechanisms and applications.

PhD Biological Sciences
Researchers in the School of Biological Sciences conduct cutting-edge research across a broad range of biological disciplines. In 2014 the school relocated to the £54 million, state-of-the-art Life Sciences building, which is designed to foster our already strong collaborative and convivial environment and includes a centre for evolutionary biology research in collaboration with key researchers from earth sciences, biochemistry, social medicine, chemistry and computer sciences.

PhD Cellular and Molecular Medicine
The School of Cellular and Molecular Medicine is internationally recognised for the study of cancer biology, infection and immunology, and stem cell biology. The school focuses on translational research, in other words taking basic scientific discoveries into something that is clinically useful. Key successes of this type include the discoveries into something that is clinically relevant.

PhD Dynamic Molecular Cell Biology
Successful applicants will enrol on a 1+3-year PhD course, with the first year providing unique opportunities to develop a firm foundation in advanced practical training in areas that underpin your subsequent three-year main project. Please be aware that, due to the nature of the funding, this programme is open to UK/EU students only.

PhD Neural Dynamics (Wellcome Trust)
Neural dynamics is the study of the nervous system’s remarkable capacity to change and, at a systems level, the dynamic interplay between integration and segregation of brain regions that enables all aspects of behaviour, including learning, memory, homeostasis and sensorimotor control. This Wellcome Trust programme is different to a traditional PhD route, in that it provides you with a year of taught units and two extensive research projects before you embark on your primary research focus.

South West Biosciences (SWBiD) Doctoral Training Partnership (BBSRC)
The South West Biosciences Doctoral Training Partnership (BBSRC) is led by the University of Bristol, together with the University of Exeter, the University of Bath, the University of Cardiff and Rothamsted Research. It is funded by the Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council (BBSRC) to provide PhD training in areas of strategic relevance – agriculture and food security, and world-class underpinning bioscience – with approximately 20 studentships available each year across the partnership.

PhD Psychology
Studying in the School of Psychological Science will give you the opportunity to be part of a vibrant postgraduate community. Our postgraduate students are a very important part of the departmental research culture and are a key component in maintaining our international research reputation. Research activity in the school is currently organised into two research themes – cognitive processes, and brain, behaviour and health – with a set of focused research groups within each theme.
Faculty of Science

The Faculty of Science attracts outstanding PhD students from all over the world. We take great pride in our postgraduate students and the significant contribution they make to the intellectual life of the faculty.

PHD Chemistry
The School of Chemistry is housed in spacious, modern laboratories, which are well-equipped with state-of-the-art facilities. Research is organised into three themes: inorganic and materials chemistry; organic and biological chemistry; and physical and theoretical chemistry. There is a comprehensive graduate programme, giving you the opportunity to build a wide range of skills.

PHD Earth Sciences
The School of Earth Sciences has strong international links and the presence of researchers from all over the world makes for an exciting and stimulating environment. Research involves the full breadth of the earth sciences and has benefited from major investment in new laboratories and equipment in the past few years. Important initiatives include experimental and theoretical studies of physical, chemical and biological processes of the Earth.

PHD Geographical Sciences
(Physical Geography)
The School of Geographical Sciences is a leading international centre for research. In the Times Higher Education analysis of the most recent Research Excellence Framework assessment (2014), we were ranked the top geography department in the UK. We have a large and vibrant graduate community, with a strong international and inter disciplinary flavour, offering an exceptional academic environment for postgraduate research.

PHD Mathematics
Staff and students in the School of Mathematics are engaged in research across a wide range of areas in applied mathematics, probability, pure mathematics and statistics. We are proud of our world-class reputation for research excellence and our commitment to providing high-quality training for our postgraduate students. The School’s successes were formally recognised in the most recent Research Excellence Framework (2014), in which 87 per cent of our research was rated as world-leading or internationally excellent.

PHD Physics
The School of Physics at Bristol has made major contributions to the field, including the discovery of the pion meson (Nobel Prize in Physics, 1950) and fundamental advances in quantum mechanics. Our researchers explore physics at all scales, from the cosmological to the sub-nuclear, with strong interests in nanoscience and condensed matter physics. The graduate school is an integral part of the School of Physics and is responsible for overseeing all aspects of graduate training, both in academic skills and more generic transferable skills.

EPSRC Centres for Doctoral Training
• PhD Chemical Synthesis
• PhD Condensed Matter Physics
• PhD Functional Nanomaterials
• PhD Quantum Engineering

Applications for continued funding for these programmes, based in an EPSRC Centre for Doctoral Training, have been submitted to EPSRC and are being considered at the time of going to print. Confirmation of funding from 2019 onwards will be available in December 2018. Please check bristol.ac.uk/pg-study for the latest information.

The Faculty of Social Sciences and Law offers excellent support for research and research-related activities, and actively cultivates an inter-school, interdisciplinary ethos.

PHD Accounting and Finance
The main research strengths of the Department of Accounting and Finance lie in applied financial econometrics, empirical finance, financial reporting and auditing, management accounting, public sector accounting and accounting for sustainability. The most recent UK-wide research assessment (REF 2014), rated 78 per cent of the school’s research in business and management as ‘world leading’ or ‘internationally excellent’.

EPSRC Centres for Doctoral Training
• PhD Advanced Quantitative Methods

This programme is one of five South West Doctoral Training Partnerships, and is aimed at social scientists who wish to learn advanced quantitative methods for secondary-data analysis and apply these methods appropriately to answer substantive questions from their disciplines. Projects may involve applying statistical methods used in other disciplines to social science problems or developing novel statistical methods for analysing social science data. We welcome applications from students with backgrounds in statistics or related disciplines.

EdD Education (Hong Kong)
This programme is taught by University of Bristol staff in Hong Kong, as part of a long-standing partnership with the School of Continuing and Professional Education at City University of Hong Kong. Students enjoy different facets of the research process and contemporary educational debates, as well as developing skills in research methods, theory, argumentation and evaluation.

EdD Education: Learning, Leadership and Policy
This programme is designed for ambitious, mid-career education professionals in a range of settings, including schools, further and higher education, whose work requires them to have a high level of research capability. You can study at your own pace (full or part-time) with our modular programme of intensive two- and half-day units built in Bristol.

EdD Education: Leadership and Policy
Researchers in the Department of Economics has a distinctive focus and reputation, combining high-level advances in economic theory, structural modelling and econometrics with innovative research in public policy. The quality of the department’s research is evident in the Times Higher Education analysis of the latest Research Excellence Framework (2014), in which the Department of Economics was ranked sixth in the UK.
The recent research degrees offered by the School for Policy Studies, is accredited by the British Psychological Society in Health and Care Professions Council and serves as the entry qualification for professional practice and employment in educational psychology. It has been designed to meet the professional training needs of educational psychologists and assists a shift in orientation in professional training that is implicit in a research degree.

PhD Exercise, Nutrition and Health

This programme is one of five South West Doctoral Training Partnerships within the Centre for Exercise, Nutrition and Health Sciences, which focuses on physical activity and nutrition, and their associations with health across the lifespan. The primary areas of focus include biomedical, psychosocial and socio-environmental aspects of physical activity, sedentary behaviour, and nutrition.

PhD Geographical Sciences

We have a large and vibrant graduate community, focusing both on theoretical and applied research topics. The graduate community has a strong international and interdisciplinary flavour and offers an exceptional academic environment for postgraduate research. There is also a range of exciting possibilities for interdisciplinary research that cross and connect research disciplines.

PhD Global Political Economy

This programme is one of five South West Doctoral Training Partnership interdisciplinary pathways. The programme is open to students who wish to work in politics and international relations.

PhD Social Work

This programme is one of five South West Doctoral Training Partnership interdisciplinary pathways. It enables students to develop a range of specific skills to develop and evaluate interventions, and to facilitate strategies to improve health. The programme integrates the study of the interaction between different lifestyle behaviours, nutrition, physical activity and substance use (e.g. smoking and alcohol consumption) – their impact on public health and risks for chronic diseases.

PhD Law

PhD Management

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PhD Psychology, Politics and International Studies

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PhD Social Policy

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PhD Sustainable Futures

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PhD South West Developmental Partnership

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PhD South West Urban Governance

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Work is due to begin on our new Temple Quarter campus in 2019. The £300 million campus is part of a major redevelopment of the Temple Quarter Enterprise Zone to the east of the city centre.

Clifton Village is a collection of beautiful Georgian houses, squares and streets. It is a hot spot for cafe culture, bordered by the green expanse of the Downs and the world famous Clifton Suspension Bridge.

Bristol’s city centre mixes high-end and high-street shopping, music venues, markets and our city-centre residences.

Our main campus sits on the leafy streets of Clifton, with Royal Fort Gardens bordering the HH Wills Physics Building at its centre.

The impressive Wills Memorial Building at the top of Park Street marks the entrance to our campus, which is just 10 minutes from our main campus.

Cabinet Tower sits at the summit of Brandon Hill. There are great views from the top overlooking the green houses, which is just 5 minutes from our main campus.

Bristol’s Harbourside bustles with lively bars, restaurants, museums and attractions, and is a focal point for festivals and markets all year round.

Work is due to begin on our new Temple Quarter campus in 2019. The £300 million campus is part of a major redevelopment of the Temple Quarter Enterprise Zone to the east of the city centre.

Bristol Veterinary School in the village of Langford is 14 miles south of Bristol.
There are many ways you can meet us to talk about your interests and find out more about what Bristol can offer you.

**Visit us**

- **Visiting the University of Bristol**
  - **Postgraduate open events**
    We hold an annual institution-wide postgraduate open day in November and a range of smaller events throughout the year. To find out about upcoming events visit our website: [bristol.ac.uk/pg-visits](http://bristol.ac.uk/pg-visits).
  - **Postgraduate campus tours**
    We offer campus tours specifically for prospective postgraduate students. These are available on request and can be tailored to suit your interests. To request a tour, please email us: postgraduate-recruitment@bristol.ac.uk.
  - **Self-guided tour**
    If you’re not able to arrange an official visit, you can still come and visit our campus. Our self-guided tour will take you around the brightest spots on campus, and give you a taste of what it’s like to be a student here: [bristol.ac.uk/pg-visits](http://bristol.ac.uk/pg-visits).
  - **Virtual visits**
    If you are unable to visit the University of Bristol in person, you can explore our exceptional facilities and services using our virtual events system: [bristol.ac.uk/pg-visits](http://bristol.ac.uk/pg-visits).

  **Contact your department**
  If you’ve already applied for a programme, or you are keen to meet with a supervisor, you can contact the relevant department using the details found on our online prospectus. You may even be able to arrange a private visit to discuss your options. Find the contact details for the departments you’re interested in: bristol.ac.uk/pg-study.

  **Attending a postgraduate fair near you**
  **In the UK**
  We attend a range of postgraduate fairs in the UK throughout the academic year. If you’re not able to make it to Bristol, why not check our website to find out when we will next be near you? [bristol.ac.uk/pg-visits](http://bristol.ac.uk/pg-visits).

  **Overseas**
  If you’re not based in the UK, you can still meet representatives from the University without travelling to us. Find out when our international recruitment advisers will be visiting your country: [bristol.ac.uk/international/visit](http://bristol.ac.uk/international/visit).

  "Teaching staff are involved and receptive, and the supervisors give you freedom while guiding and advising you. Optional units are particularly helpful, both within and outside academia. The University cares about who you are and become as a person, not just as a student."

  Nina (PhD English)
Travel

Bristol is located in the south west of the United Kingdom, about 100 miles (160 kilometres) west of London, and has excellent road, rail and air links. The main University campus is at the heart of the city and is easily accessible by public and private transport.

By car
Bristol has excellent road links, enabling easy access to the city from all over the UK. The M4 and M5 motorways put London and Birmingham within a two-hour drive, while the M32 allows direct access from the M4 into the heart of the city. You can find more detailed directions to the University campus at bristol.ac.uk/maps/directions.

By train
Bristol has two main railway stations – Bristol Temple Meads and Bristol Parkway; we advise you arrive at Temple Meads as it is much closer to the main University campus in Clifton. The number 8 and 9 bus services run to the campus from Bristol Temple Meads every 10-15 minutes at peak times. The journey should take about 25 minutes. If you wish to walk from Temple Meads, it will take around 30-40 minutes and involves an uphill climb.

By plane
Bristol Airport is 13 kilometres south of the city and operates scheduled flights between many UK and European cities. There is a direct National Express coach service between London Heathrow, London Gatwick and Bristol. Alternatively, there are good rail connections from Heathrow and Gatwick Airports to London National Rail terminals. The train journey from London Paddington to Bristol Temple Meads takes just under two hours.

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This guide contains information for students planning to start university in autumn 2019. We have made every effort to ensure all details are correct at the time of going to press (July 2018). However, since this information is subject to change, you are advised to check the University’s website, bristol.ac.uk/pg-study, for the latest updates.

Student agreement
The University values its students and works to provide the support structures and opportunities that will enable you to excel in every aspect of your life and make your time at Bristol a genuinely transformative experience. To help create a positive environment for learning and academic achievement, the University has established various rules and regulations that all students must follow if they accept an offer of a place to study with us. These rules and regulations include a Student Agreement, which sets out the relationship between the University of Bristol and its students. Copies of the current versions of the agreement and other policies are available at bristol.ac.uk/study/postgraduate/after-you-apply/policies.

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