Postgraduate Admissions Statement

PhD Biochemistry

Programmes covered
Biochemistry (three-year PhD, four-year PhD, MD, MSc by Research)

Applicants should also refer to the relevant prospectus entry for further programme details.

This admissions statement should be read in association with the University Admissions Principles and Procedures for Postgraduate Research/Taught Programmes.

Faculty
Faculty of Biomedical Sciences

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Admissions cycle
2017

Application process

Online application
Applicants should complete the online application form, uploading all required documents directly into the application form. Guidance on uploading documents can be found in the How to Apply FAQs.

Applicants should make every effort to choose the correct programme in the application form by reading the prospectus entry and admissions statements fully. Applicants should contact the relevant Admissions Team if clarification is required.

We recommend choosing up to two projects from our list at FindaPhD.com. For those applying for the MSc by Research, we also recommend consulting FindaPhD.com for project information and contacting potential supervisors before submitting an application.

Application Deadline
There is currently no application deadline for this programme.

Required documents
All documents must be translated into English. Degree certificates and transcripts should be certified copies and list subjects taken and grades/degrees achieved. If your degree is not yet complete, please provide transcripts of subjects taken and marks achieved to date. All documents must be uploaded into the online application form unless otherwise noted. Applicants who have already submitted an application can upload additional documents into the ‘Post-submission uploads’ section. You can find information about how to upload documents to your application form in our How to Apply FAQs.

Required documents for this programme are:
Two academic references
Degree certificate(s) from first and subsequent degrees
Academic transcript(s) from your first and subsequent degrees
Personal statement
The name of proposed supervisor(s) and topic(s).
English language certificates if English is not your native language and your undergraduate degree was not in
an English-speaking country (please see the English Language Requirements for a list of English-speaking
countries)

A curriculum vitae (CV) and research statement are not required but can be submitted to assist your application.

Interviews
If the supervisor expresses an interest in pursuing your application, that supervisor will contact you directly to arrange
an interview.

Correspondence with applicants
Applicants will normally receive communication via email to the email address used to set up their application form
account. Applicants should ensure that this profile email address is kept up-to-date.

Admissions criteria

Academic entry requirements
A minimum of an upper second-class honours degree (or international equivalent) in a relevant subject is required for
entry to the PhD programme. Applicants who have completed their degree in certain countries will require an MSc to
enable them to enter our PhD programme. We may consider MSc by research applications from candidates with a
lower second-class degree (or international equivalent). Applicants for the MD should be medically qualified and should
consult with the Graduate Director before applying.

For information on international equivalent qualifications, please see our International Office website.

English language criteria for non-native English speakers
For applicants whose first language is not English, it is necessary to achieve a minimum score in an approved English
language test specified in Profile C of the University's English Language Requirements Policy.

You can find information about the University of Bristol's Pre-Sessional English courses at the Centre for English
Language and Foundation Studies website.

Reference criteria
References should either be submitted directly by the referee using the online reference form, or submitted directly by
the applicant.

References should be on headed paper, with clear contact details and signed by the person who wrote it.

References should be dated not more than two years prior to the application being submitted.

Personal statement criteria
The personal statement should include details of the applicant's educational, research and work experience and their
reasons for choosing this programme.

Research statement and research training statement criteria
Research statements and research training statements are not required for this programme.

Interview criteria
You may be asked for additional information to help a supervisor evaluate your application.

Additional requirements
Overseas and self-funding students may be required to provide bench fees appropriate to the costs of their chosen
research project. Enquiries about bench fees should be addressed to the named Supervisor at the time of application.
Selection process and offers

Selection process
All applications are considered in accordance with the University’s policy on equality and diversity. The University of Bristol upholds the principles of equality and diversity, respect and dignity. Candidates are not discriminated against on the grounds of race, ethnicity, nationality, gender, sexuality, religion or belief, disability, health or age.

When your online application is submitted the Postgraduate Admissions Director will check the application to verify that you meet the minimum academic requirements for admission and possibly request that you submit additional supporting documentation. Your application will then be forwarded to the supervisor(s) listed on your application. Individual supervisors will evaluate your application and you will be informed about the status of your application soon thereafter. If your application is being considered for a competitive programme, additional application and eligibility information will be provided with the call for applications. Offers will not be made until after the deadline for application has passed and interviews have been held.

Decisions
Applicants will be notified by email when a decision has been made and decision letters will be available to view and print by logging into their application. If there is a deadline by which applicants must accept their offer of admission, this will be stated in the offer letter.

Please be aware that an offer to pursue postgraduate research does not come with any form of financial support, unless explicitly stated.

Deferrals
Due to the nature of postgraduate funding, deferred entry is not available, although you are welcome to re-apply at a later date. It is possible to grant deferred entry on a case-by-case basis for self-funded students.

Deposits
There is no deposit required for this programme

ATAS
Applicants who will require a visa to study in the UK will also be required to gain clearance through the Academic Technology Approval Scheme (ATAS). Please see the ATAS page on the Foreign and Commonwealth Office website for further information.

The Academic Technology Approval Scheme is a clearance process which affects overseas applicants (outside the EEA and Switzerland) for certain postgraduate science, technology, medical and engineering studies in the UK. Applicants to affected programmes are required to obtain an ATAS certificate before applying for a visa.