Postgraduate Admissions Statement

MSc Biophysics and Molecular Life Sciences

Programmes Covered
Biophysics and Molecular Life Sciences (MSc)

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 Taught Programmes.

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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.

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 including details of practical experience
- Curriculum vitae (CV)
- 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)

Research statements are not required for this programme but can be submitted to assist with your application.

**Interviews**

Interviews are not normally part of the selection process.

**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 lower second-class honours degree in biochemistry, biophysics, life sciences, chemistry, physics or an equivalent subject, plus a minimum grade B in A-level Chemistry (or equivalent qualification).

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 B 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**

Applicants should arrange for referees to provide electronic references, which can be submitted through the online application system. At least one referee must be familiar with the applicant’s academic work.

**Personal statement criteria**

The personal statement should include the applicant’s reasons for choosing this programme, and include details of any practical experience.

**Research statement and research training statement criteria**

A research training statement is not required for this programme.

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**Additional requirements**

There is a bench fee of £2000, which is payable following registration.
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.

Applications are considered independently by two members of the admissions team and judged according to the criteria set out in the Admissions Principles and Procedures. Applicants are not normally required to attend an interview. When the two admissions team members disagree, a third independent view is sought from another member of the team.

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.

Deferrals
Deferrals are permitted.

Deposits
International self-funded students are required to pay a deposit of £1000. You can pay this deposit online at http://bris.ac.uk/online-payments/deposits using a credit or debit card. Alternatively you can pay through our PaytoStudy account at www.bristol.ac.uk/paytostudy. PaytoStudy is an international payment solution which offers competitive exchange rates. Where PaytoStudy has a local bank account, all wire fee charges will be eliminated and you will be able to pay in your local currency to a local bank account.

The deposit is non-transferable and non-refundable except under the circumstances outlined in the International Deposits Refund Policy which is available at: http://www.bris.ac.uk/academicregistry/office/policies/idrp.html.

You may pay your deposit in advance of meeting the conditions of your offer. If you subsequently fail to meet the conditions attached to your offer and are therefore rejected from your course on academic grounds then a refund will be made to you. To make the payment you will need your student number which you will find in your offer letter.

ATAS
An ATAS certificate is not required.