Postgraduate Admissions Statement

MSc Earthquake Engineering and Infrastructure Resilience

Programmes Covered
Earthquake Engineering and Infrastructure Resilience (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 Engineering

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Admissions cycle
2017

Application process

Online application
Please ensure you upload all documents in the online application form and do not send any paper documents. No emailed documents will be considered.

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 an application deadline for this programme, which is displayed on the individual programme page within the University course finder.

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 (minimum)
- Any references from engineering companies including industrial placements
- Degree certificate(s) and transcripts from first and subsequent degrees when available. These must include scans of the originals as well as certified translations of documents in any language other than English
- Personal statement
- 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)

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

A curriculum vitae (CV) is not required but can help your application. You can include details of other relevant qualifications to assist with your application. Please do not include any school (pre-university) certificates.

**Interviews**

Interviews do not normally form part of our selection process. However, we may interview applicants with non-standard qualifications or who have additional skills and experience to be considered as part of the application process.

The purpose of the interview is to assess whether the applicant currently has the necessary skills and capabilities to pursue the chosen postgraduate programme, and whether the programme is appropriate to the applicant’s interests and aspirations.

If required, interviewees based overseas will normally be interviewed by telephone or Skype. All interviews are conducted by two members of staff, at least one of whom is trained in fair and effective recruitment techniques. All interviews are undertaken in accordance with the University’s policy on equal opportunities.

The principal assessment criteria are an applicant’s interest in and commitment to the subject, their capacity for clear thinking and oral expression, for the critical analysis of arguments and evidence, and for working independently at postgraduate level.

**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**

Applicants would be expected to hold an upper second-class honours degree (2:1) or above (or international equivalent) in an engineering discipline or closely related field. A lower second-class honours degree (2:2) or above (or international equivalent) will also be considered from applicants who can demonstrate 3 years of work experience in a related field.

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 E 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, ensuring that the reference is dated within the last two years. References uploaded by the applicant should be on official headed paper showing the referee’s full contact details, and signed by the referee. Applicants should submit a minimum of two academic references and any references from engineering companies including industrial placements.

Personal statement criteria
Personal statements should highlight the motivation for applying for the course, and any relevant experience and/or skills.

Additional requirements
There are no additional requirements for this programme.

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.

Once a complete application has been submitted, it is considered by the programme director, postgraduate taught admissions tutor and head of the graduate education team.

Applications are assessed using the following criteria and weightings:

- academic achievement (60%)
- academic references (40%)

Where industrial experience needs to be considered, the weighting is as follows:

- academic achievement (60%)
- academic references (20%)
- industrial experience (20%)

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
Deferred entry is available. Please contact the graduate education team by emailing fen-pgadmissions@bristol.ac.uk if you have been made an offer and would like to defer your start date.

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.