PhD Education

Programmes covered
This admissions statement applies to the following programmes: Education (PhD)

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.

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Faculty of Social Sciences and Law

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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. Early application is advised.

There is a deadline for funded applications (ESRC and Bristol funding) for this programme. This 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 references (at least one of which is an academic reference from your Master’s degree)
Degree certificate(s) from first and subsequent degrees
Academic transcript(s) from your first and subsequent degrees
Personal statement
Research 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 research training statement is not required but can be submitted to assist your application.

Interviews
Interviews are not normally part of the selection process. Interviews are required for the scholarship funding 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
An upper second-class undergraduate honours degree (or equivalent) and normally a merit at MA/MSc level.

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.

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

Referees should be familiar with the applicant’s academic work.

Personal statement criteria
Please ensure that you set out your reasons for applying for the pathway clearly and concisely. This element of the application is extremely important for us in our decision-making process. This statement should focus carefully on the relationship between your professional and academic experience, your future professional and academic development and the role that a PhD will play in this.

Research statement and research training statement criteria
You are asked to provide a 1,000-word research statement. This will be assessed according to the following criteria:

- Previous experience of the applicant
- The quality of the statement
- The originality of the statement
- The content and coherence of the statement
- The methodology and methods
- The applicant’s references

Your research training statement should describe research training you have received to date, including that received as part of your employment.
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.

All applicants are subject to the entry requirements above. We also pay special attention to your research statement.

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.

An unconditional offer will be made where applicants have already met the conditions and provided evidence that conditions have been met. Where academic requirements have not yet been met, a conditional offer for the applicant to meet those requirements will be made.

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If there is a deadline by which applicants must accept their offer of admission, this will be stated in the offer letter.

Deferrals
Applicants are able to defer their place for one year, after which applicants will need to reapply.

Deposits
There is no deposit required for this programme

ATAS
An ATAS certificate is not required.