Postgraduate Admissions Statement

PhD Psychology (Experimental)

Programmes covered

This admissions statement applies to the following programmes: Experimental Psychology (PhD, 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 Science

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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.

Applications are accepted all year round. There are different deadlines associated with specific sources of funding. Please refer to the graduate school to which you are applying for information.

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:
You can include details of other relevant qualifications to assist with your application.

**Interviews**
Candidates may be invited for interview, and to visit the school and meet the supervisors.

**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.

Applicants will be advised by email if their application is considered to be incomplete and will be asked to provide any missing information or documentation.

**Admissions criteria**

**Academic entry requirements**
Applicants must possess an upper second-class honours degree (or international equivalent) in psychology or a related subject.

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.

Confidential references uploaded by referees are strongly preferred. Referees should address an applicant's suitability for the course. While there is no set format, references typically address several of the following: academic achievement and potential; motivation; intellectual maturity and independence; relevant experience; potential for benefiting from and contributing to the course; written and spoken communication skills; ways in which an applicant's performance does not reflect their ability, including special circumstances.

**Personal statement criteria**
The candidate should give their motivation for undertaking this programme of study, together with any relevant experience that might enhance their application.

**Research statement and research training statement criteria**
Candidates should provide a research proposal and demonstrate how any research experience they have gained will benefit them in their chosen research field.
Interview criteria
There is no set format for interviews, but they typically cover one or more of the following: the applicants academic background, including training and experience that is of particular relevance to the programme or project; the applicants motivation for applying, including specific research interests within the discipline and career aspirations; potential research projects; an opportunity for the applicant to ask questions.

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.

Applications are considered by the individual graduate schools, usually by the intended supervisors and an internal admissions committee, which may involve several members of staff. Decisions are made on the basis of all the available information, including the written application, the references and, if applicable, the performance at interview.

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.

Candidates are expected to accept or decline an offer within 40 days of receipt, unless otherwise stated in the offer letter. Offers and acceptances can be conditional (ie subject to the candidate meeting all the conditions set out in the offer letter prior to registration).

Deferrals
It is generally possible for candidates to defer entry. However this may be restricted for certain types of funding. The candidate needs to be aware of their funders regulations in this regard.

Deposits
There is no deposit required for this programme.

ATAS
An ATAS certificate is not required.