Postgraduate Admissions Statement

PhD Security, Conflict and Human Rights

Programmes covered
Security, Conflict and Human Rights (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.

Faculty
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.

Please view the SWDTP website for pathway contact details and further information, at: http://www.swdtp.ac.uk/.

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

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 academic references
- 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)

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

**Interviews**

Applicants to the PhD programme may be invited to attend an interview, which will either be held in person or by phone, before a decision is made.

**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 Master’s degree with appropriate research training (or equivalent).

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.

References must be academic references.

**Personal statement criteria**

Your personal statement should indicate your interest in the chosen pathway/research. Personal statements should be approximately 500 words long and should outline why you have chosen to apply for the programme.

**Research statement and research training statement criteria**

Applicants should also provide a 3,000-word research statement indicating proposed research topic or area of focus, and an indication of any research training completed. Your research training statement should describe research training you have received to date, including that received as part of your employment.

**Interview criteria**

Interviews will either be held in person or by phone. Interviews will usually be conducted by the pathway lead. Other academic staff may also be involved in the interview. The interview will include a series of questions to applicant, designed to establish their suitability for the programme of study.

**Additional requirements**

A sample of work may be requested.
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 completed application has been submitted, it is considered by the SWDTP pathway lead. Applications are considered against selection criteria, which include: academic excellence of the candidate; scholarly excellence of the statement; congruence with the selected pathway, including supervisory arrangements (as applicable); potential impact, including collaboration; academic references.

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 for a maximum of 12 months from original start date.

Deposits
There is no deposit required for this programme

ATAS
An ATAS certificate is not required.