Postgraduate Admissions Statement

MRes Security, Conflict and Human Rights

Programmes covered
Security, Conflict and Human Rights (MRes)

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.

Faculty
Faculty of Social Sciences and Law

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Admissions cycle
2017

Application process

Online application
Please view the SWDTC website (www.swdtc.ac.uk/) for pathway contact details and further information.

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
- Degree certificate(s) from first and subsequent degrees
- Academic transcript(s) from your first and subsequent
- 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)

Where appropriate, applicants should also provide a research statement indicating a proposed research topic or area of focus, and a research training statement.

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

**Interviews**

Applicants will be invited to attend an interview, which will take place in person or over the phone, before an offer of ESRC funding is made. Self-funded applicants to the MRes will not normally be invited to attend an interview.

**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 degree in a related field 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 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**

Applicants should arrange for referees to provide electronic references, which can be submitted through the online application system. Non-electronic 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**

The personal statement should set out what within the content of the degree programme connects to the applicant's own interests, and it may include an account of the applicant's own intellectual journey and how this has forged their interest in and passion for the subject.

**Research statement and research training statement criteria**

Where appropriate, a research statement can be submitted as part of your application. Your research statement should be a concise summary of the rationale for the research, the research questions to be answered and how you propose to address them.

A research training statement should describe research training you have received to date, including that received as part of your employment.
Interview Criteria
Where applicable, interviews will be either in person or over the 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 designed to establish the applicant’s 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 complete application has been submitted, which includes all required information, it is considered by the SWDTC pathway lead and the school’s director of graduate study. 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
Deferrals are not permitted for this programme.

Deposits
A deposit is not required for this programme.

ATAS
An ATAS certificate is not required.