Postgraduate Admissions Statement for

University of BRISTOL

Cyber Security (Cyber Secure Everywhere) (PhD)

This Admissions Statement applies to applications submitted between 1 September 2023 and 31 August 2024.

It should be read in association with the University Admissions Principles and Procedures for Postgraduate programmes, the relevant prospectus entry and general application guidance.

Admissions criteria

Academic and English language requirements

The academic and English language requirements for this programme are displayed on the Postgraduate Prospectus.

For information on international equivalent qualifications, please refer to our International Office website.

Non-standard applications

We welcome applications from those with non-standard qualifications who can demonstrate knowledge, experience and skills developed in the workplace, or elsewhere, relevant to the programme of study.

Please use your personal statement to provide further details.

Non-standard applications will be considered by the Admissions Tutor(s) for the programme on a case by case basis.

Application process

Online application form

Applicants must complete the online application form, and upload all required documents directly to the application. Further information is available on our guidance for online applications page.

Applications will not be considered until **all** required documents have been uploaded.

Required documents

References

We require two academic references. References should comply with our standard requirements outlined on our guidance pages.

Degree certificate(s) and academic transcripts

From first and subsequent degrees. Degree certificates and transcripts should comply with our standard requirements outlined on our guidance pages.

Personal statement

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

English language proficiency

Evidence of meeting the relevant English language profile for the programme, as stated within the Postgraduate programme finder. Details of acceptable evidence of English language proficiency can be found in the University English Language Requirements for Study

Curriculum Vitae (CV)

CVs might include details of other relevant work experience and qualifications to support an application.

Case Study

Applicants must provide up to 1 A4 page of text on a cyber security issue that interests them, discuss why the problem is challenging from both a social and technical perspective and what methods or techniques would be appropriate to develop a deeper understanding of the issue.

Selection process

Assessment of applications

All applicants are considered in line with the University's [Admissions Principles and Procedures Policy](#) Once a complete application has been submitted with all required supporting documents, it is considered by at least two members of staff using the following criteria:

- Academic achievement (50%)
- Motivation, case study and fit to cohort (30%)
- References (20%)

Recruitment Workshop

Shortlisted candidates will be invited to a recruitment workshop with supervisors and industry partners. The recruitment workshop is a fundamental part of the selection process and only candidates shortlisted following the application will be invited. Shortlisted candidates based overseas will normally participate via a suitable online platform.

The recruitment workshop will involve:

(1) a group task developed in collaboration with industry partners to assess the applicant's ability to problem-solve and work with others from different backgrounds and perspectives

(2) an individual interview with a panel from academic and industry representatives to further explore motivation, passion for the subject and ability to engage in interdisciplinary thinking.

During their visit, applicants will have the opportunity to meet with current students and will be taken on a tour of the teaching spaces and labs by a student or postdoctoral researcher.

All interviews are conducted by members of staff, who will have been trained in equality, diversity and inclusion with respect to recruitment techniques. All interviews are undertaken in accordance with the University's policy on equal opportunities.

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 the application portal. If there is a deadline by which applicants must accept an offer of admission or pay a deposit, this will be stated in the offer letter.

Offers

Offers will typically be made in line with the academic requirements set out in this admissions statement and in the prospectus entry for the programme.

Offers made may be conditional or unconditional. An unconditional offer will be made to applicants who have already met the conditions and provided evidence that conditions have been met. Where academic or language requirements have not yet been fulfilled, applicants will receive a conditional offer outlining the requirements that must be met

Deferrals

This programme does not normally allow deferrals unless there are exceptional circumstances. Please contact enquiries@cybersecurity-cdt.ac.uk if you would like to discuss the possibility of deferring your start date.

Due to the nature of postgraduate funding, however, applicants funded by the University of Bristol are not eligible for deferred entry. Any such applicants wishing to defer are encouraged to resubmit their application for consideration in the relevant year.

Results deadline

Applicants who receive a conditional offer will be required to submit all final results to meet their offer conditions by 15 August for September 2024 entry. Offer holders who will be unable to provide their results by this date should email enquiries@cybersecurity-cdt.ac.uk to notify the admissions team as soon as possible.

International offer holders should meet their conditions allowing time to obtain an ATAS certificate and apply for a visa.

Additional information

Extenuating circumstances

If your education has been significantly disrupted through health or personal problems, disability or specific difficulties within your studies, you can submit an extenuating circumstances form as part of your application.

The information provided will be treated confidentially and will help us to assess your academic performance fairly considering your circumstances.

Academic Technology Approval Scheme (ATAS)

International students and researchers (apart from exempt nationalities) who are subject to UK immigration control will be required to apply for an Academic Technology Approval Scheme (ATAS) certificate to study this programme. For further details see www.gov.uk/guidance/academic-technology-approval-scheme.

Visa

International students coming to the UK to study full-time may need to apply for a student visa. Guidance is available on the University website.

Fees and Deposits

Fees

Annual tuition fee is available on the relevant prospectus entry for this programme.

Deposits

Deposits are not required for this programme.

Sponsored Students

International offer holders who will be fully funded by an external funder must provide evidence of funding. Visit International fee Students Sponsorship confirmation when registering web page for guidance.

EU Offer holders who are successful in securing external funding sponsorship must provide evidence of funding following the guidance on the Home fee students Sponsorship Confirmation Home/EU web page.