

Guide for Latin American & the Caribbean applicants who are applying for Government scholarships.

We welcome applications from all across the world but to help make sure you get the information you need from us in time to make your scholarship application, please make sure you follow these simple guidelines.

Am I qualified to apply for the PhD?

We normally expect applicants for the PhD programme to have completed (or completing) a Masters. If you are currently (or have studied) a Bachelors or first degree and have achieved around 90% overall (the equivalent of a high 2:1) – we may consider you for the PhD programme.

Am I qualified for the Masters?

We would like you be currently be studying (or have studied) a Bachelors or first degree and have achieved around 80% overall (or the equivalent of a 2:1).

What about the English language requirement?

You will need an English language certificate to apply – this is normally a IELTS or TOEFL. If you do not have one, we will ask for one. If you do not meet our entry requirements for the English language but we want to make you an offer, it will be a condition of your offer. For more details please read these details for the [Masters](#) and for the [PhD](#) as the requirements are different for each programme.

Making your application.

Make your application AT LEAST four weeks before the scholarship application deadline.

This allows us to have a Skype interview and process the decision on your application in time. If you apply any later, if we are able to make you an offer, we cannot guarantee your offer letter will be ready in time for the scholarship application deadline.

You will need:

- Scanned copies of all your undergraduate and postgraduate transcripts in officially translated into English to date.
- Two academic references (one should be from your final project supervisor)
- Personal statement
- Scanned copies of your English language certificates

Once your application is complete, we will then email you to invite you to a Skype interview (for both the Masters and PhD).

After the interview we will notify you (by email) of our decision within 2 working days. The decision will then be officially processed within 5 working days.

Documents for scholarship applications

We are aware of what you will need and will produce the documents and email them to you before the deadline if we are able to make you an offer.

Any questions about Bristol or the BCFN?

Talk to the University Latin American representative (David Thomas) who can give you lots of useful information about the University of Bristol as well as what it is like to be a research or Masters student here. You can also email us directly at bcfn-info@bristol.ac.uk or david.thomas@bristol.ac.uk and we are also happy to arrange an informal chat over Skype with one of our academic team.