

PhD Advanced Composites

Programmes covered

Advanced Composites (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 Engineering

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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 ensure you upload all documents using the online application form and do not send any paper documents. Sending paper documents will result in delays in processing your application.

Application Deadline

There is an application deadline for this programme. Please see the [ACCIS CDT](#) website for current application deadline.

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
- 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 list of English-speaking countries.)

A curriculum vitae (CV) is not required but can help your application. You can include details of other relevant qualifications to assist with your application. Please do not include any school (pre-university) certificates

Interviews

All suitable applicants are interviewed.

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 first-class honours degree or upper second-class honours degree (or international equivalent), or a distinction in a relevant MSc, in an engineering or science subject in a relevant field.

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.

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References should either be submitted directly by the referee using the online reference form, or submitted directly by the applicant, ensuring that the reference is dated within the last two years.

Applicants should submit a minimum of two references (both academic where possible). The reference should comment on the applicant's relative ranking where available (eg in the top 10 per cent of the cohort, in either a course subject or - preferably - degree programme). It should also comment on the applicant's potential for undertaking research.

Personal statement criteria

The applicant should describe the reasons for their application, and their passion for engineering and - in particular - composites materials and their structures. They should comment on their future career aspirations.

Research statement and research training statement criteria

Research statements and research training statements are not required for this programme.

Interview criteria

Applicants able to travel to Bristol will be interviewed separately by the CDT director and another academic member of CDT staff. During their visit, applicants will have the opportunity to meet with current CDT students and will be taken on a tour of the offices and labs by a current CDT student. The whole process (interviews and tour) usually takes no more than two hours.

Applicants unable to travel to Bristol will be interviewed via Skype by the CDT director and another academic member of CDT staff.

Applicants will be assessed on their enthusiasm and knowledge of our programme and their ability to answer technical questions related to our programme.

Additional requirements

The majority of our available funding is subject to EPSRC eligibility restrictions. If we are unable to offer an applicant a fully-funded place, they may be offered a place with partial funding or without funding.

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, it is considered by the CDT director and at least one other academic member of CDT staff.

Applications are assessed using the following criteria and weightings:

- Academic achievement (60%)
- Degree of intellectual rigour in response to technical questions at interview (10%)
- References (10%)
- Fit to cohort (20%)

We typically target a cohort of 70% with first degrees in an engineering subject and 30% with first degrees in a science subject.

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. Please contact composites-cdt@bristol.ac.uk if you have been made an offer and would like to defer your start date.

Deposits

There is no deposit required for this programme.

ATAS

Applicants who will require a visa to study in the UK will also be required to gain clearance through the Academic Technology Approval Scheme (ATAS). Please see the ATAS page on the Foreign and Commonwealth Office website for further information.

The Academic Technology Approval Scheme is a clearance process which affects overseas applicants (outside the EEA and Switzerland) for certain postgraduate science, technology, medical and engineering studies in the UK. Applicants to affected programmes are required to obtain an ATAS certificate before applying for a visa.