

PhD Cellular and Molecular Medicine

Programmes covered

Cellular and Molecular Medicine (PhD, four-year PhD, MD, MSc by Research)

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](#).

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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.

Application Deadline

There is currently no application deadline for this programme.

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
- The title of your proposed research topic and/or the name of at least one proposed supervisor
- Research statement (MD applicants only)
- 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)

Interviews

All applicants must be interviewed before an offer of a place can be made. Where a visit to Bristol is not practical, interviews will be held over video link (eg Skype). If a prospective supervisor expresses an interest in pursuing your application, that supervisor will contact you directly to arrange 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

A minimum of an upper second-class honours degree (or international equivalent) in a relevant subject is required for entry to the PhD programme. Applicants who have completed their degree in certain countries will require an MSc to enable them to enter our PhD programme. We may consider MSc by research applications from candidates with a lower second-class degree (or international equivalent). Applicants for the MD should be medically qualified and should consult with the Graduate Director before applying.

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 C 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.

Personal statement criteria

The personal statement should include the applicant's reasons for choosing this programme, and how their previous education and experience qualifies them to undertake research in the chosen subject area.

Research statement and research training statement criteria

Students applying for PhD or MSc by research programmes are not required to provide a research statement.

MD applicants: your research statement should give in some detail the proposed programme of research work.

Interview criteria

In most cases, interviews will be conducted by the prospective research supervisor or the graduate director. Interviewers will be assessing the applicant's interest in the research area applied for, as evidenced by prior reading/knowledge and the ability to discuss the project in English. Additional interview criteria may be applied where the research degree applied for is funded.

Additional requirements

Overseas and self-funding students may be required to provide bench fees appropriate to the costs of their chosen research project. Enquiries about bench fees should be addressed to the named Supervisor at the time of application.

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.

Following initial review, applicants will be interviewed by two members of academic staff. The School's Director of Graduate Studies makes the final decision about an application.

For funded PhD and MSc research positions that are specifically advertised: The award of these positions is on a competitive basis. Each application is read by a selection panel which shortlists approximately three to five candidates for interview. Candidates are then selected based on their performance in an interview. The interview may include a short presentation detailing previous research experience.

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.

Please be aware that an offer to pursue postgraduate research does not come with any form of financial support, unless explicitly stated.

Deferrals

It is possible to grant deferred entry on a case-by-case basis for self-funded students or for those whose scholarship allows it. Deferred entry is not available for specific funded places.

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.