

# PhD Clinical Sciences

## Programmes covered

PhD, MSc and MD by Thesis, and PhD, MD and DSc by Published Work for the following:

- Cardiac Surgery
- Cardiology
- Child Health
- Medicine
- Neuroendocrinology
- Neuroscience
- Obstetrics and Gynaecology
- Ophthalmology
- Surgery

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 Health Sciences

## Admissions team and contact details

Senior Postgraduate Admissions Administrator

Faculty of Health Sciences

University of Bristol

Senate House

Tyndall Avenue

Bristol BS8 1TH

Email: [fohs-pgadmissions@bristol.ac.uk](mailto:fohs-pgadmissions@bristol.ac.uk)

Telephone: +44 0117 331 6824

## 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.

You must contact potential supervisors to discuss your research interests and PhD statement before submitting an application.

## 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 references (which cannot be from a proposed supervisor)
- Degree certificate(s) from first and subsequent degrees
- Academic transcript(s) from your first and subsequent degrees
- Personal statement
- The names of two supervisors (following discussion and agreement with them)
- Research statement (completed after consultation with proposed supervisor)
- Research training statement
- Curriculum vitae (CV)
- 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)

Research statements are not required for applications to:

- Child Health (PhD, PhD by published work, MSc)
- Neuroscience (PhD by Published Work)
- Surgery (PhD by Published Work)

Research training statements are not required for applications to:

- Medicine (MSc)
- Neuroscience (PhD by Published Work)
- Surgery (PhD by Published Work)

## Interviews

All students must have an agreed supervisor who may wish to conduct an interview before agreeing to support your application.

## 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

Applicants must *normally* possess an upper second-class (2:1) honours degree (or international equivalent) in a biological or related science or medical subject.

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.

References should be on headed paper, with clear contact details and signed by the person who wrote it.

Applicants should submit two academic references that comment on the candidate's suitability for the programme and their academic potential. These cannot be from one of the project supervisors.

## Personal statement criteria

Please use the statement to outline your motivation for, and interest in, doing postgraduate research in this area. Highlight details of any previous academic or professional experience related to your research area and any other information you feel is relevant.

## Research statement and research training statement criteria

Please provide a (maximum) two-page research statement, which should be completed after consultation with proposed supervisor.

## Interview criteria

Interviews are typically 30 minutes with two staff, one of whom is the proposed supervisor.

## Additional requirements

Some PhD/MSc/MD places will be offered subject to payment of bench fees in addition to tuition fees. Bench fees will be payable at the start of each year of study in which they are applied.

## 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.

When your online application is submitted, the postgraduate tutor will check the application to verify that you meet the minimum academic requirements for admission and possibly request that you submit additional supporting documentation.

### 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.

If you are applying for a competitive PhD programme, it may not be possible to make an offer until all interviews have been held.

### Deferrals

Deferred entry is at the discretion of the department. Applicants are welcome to re-apply at a later 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.