

PhD Communications

Programmes covered

Communications (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.

The Communications PhD is a four-year doctoral training PhD based in the EPSRC Centre for Doctoral Training in Communications, and only applicants who wish to apply to the CDT should choose 'Communications (PhD)' in the online application form. Applicants who wish to study for a standard three-year PhD focusing on communications should select 'Electrical and Electronic Engineering (PhD)' instead.

Application Deadline

There is an application deadline for this programme, which is displayed on the programme page of the University website.

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 (minimum)
- Any references from engineering companies including industrial placements are also welcome in addition to the mandatory two academic references
- Degree certificate(s) from your first and subsequent degrees
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- Personal 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)

A research training statement 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

An upper second-class honours (or international equivalent) degree in electrical and electronic engineering, mathematics, computer science, physics or similar numerate discipline.

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.

Confidential references uploaded by referees are strongly preferred. All references must be dated within the last two years and signed.

Personal statement criteria

Personal statements should highlight the applicant's motivation for applying for the programme and any relevant experience/skills.

Research statement and research training statement criteria

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

Interview criteria

Interview panel consisting of academics associated with the programme.

Additional requirements

There are no additional requirements for this programme.

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.

Your application to study for a PhD in Communications in the Faculty of Engineering will be considered by the EPSRC Centre for Doctoral Training in Communications admissions team and the head of the graduate education team.

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 the graduate education team 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.