

DEdPsy Educational Psychology

Programmes covered

This admissions statement applies to the following programmes: Educational Psychology (DEdPsy)

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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Faculty of Social Sciences and Law

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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.

Applicants funded by the National College for Teaching and Leadership must apply via the [Association of Educational Psychologists website](#)

Application Deadline

Application deadlines for applying via the [Association of Educational Psychologists \(AEP\) website](#) are set by the AEP. Once these applicants have been considered, we may open applications to self-funded students, dependent on the availability of places. Please be aware that, in recent years, we have not been in a position to open applications to self-funded students as we have filled our allocation via the AEP route.

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
- 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 research training statement is not required but can be submitted to assist your application.

Interviews

Shortlisted applicants will be interviewed by a panel of course tutors and local authority representatives, consisting of senior or principal educational psychologists and senior academic staff.

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 degree in psychology (or equivalent qualification) that confers Graduate Basis for Chartered Membership with the British Psychological Society. Relevant experience of working with children or young people (aged 0-19). Applicants with a lower second-class degree (or international equivalent) and relevant experience may be considered.

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 A 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.

Referees should be familiar with the applicant's academic work.

Personal statement criteria

For guidance, applicants should refer to the [NCTL website](#)

Research statement and research training statement criteria

Students are required to submit a research statement in the second year of the programme. The research undertaken conforms to the University's regulations for the degree of Doctor of Educational Psychology (DEdPsy) and is negotiated with the psychology service provider where the student is on placement.

A research training statement is not required but can be submitted as part of your application. Your research training statement should describe research training you have received to date, including that received as part of your employment.

Interview criteria

Interviewers will assess the academic and professional potential of individual candidates and take into consideration the University's admission principles and procedures along with entry requirement. Interviewers will ensure that all admission decisions will take account of equality and diversity policy and are based on fair and justifiable criteria.

Interviews for National College for Teaching and Leadership applicants will be in February/March. Self-funded applicants will be called for interview in the summer term.

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.

Our shortlisting criteria are as follows:

- Extent of responsibility and leadership demonstrated in a professional context or by sustained voluntary experience
- Knowledge of current issues and the organisation of children's services, schools and early years provision
- Knowledge about the work of educational psychologists and evidence of commitment to the profession
- Understanding of psychological theory and research on learning, and evidence of its application in practice
- Quality of written communication
- Knowledge and awareness of equal opportunities

Further factors considered at the interviewing stage are:

- Effective communication skills
- Capacity to be critical and analytical
- Appreciation of role constraints within professional practice
- Capacity to be self-reflective and emotionally flexible

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.

National College for Teaching and Leadership applicants are expected to respond in May to an offer of a place. Self-funded applicants are expected to respond to the offer of a place within two weeks.

Deferrals

Deferred entry is not allowed for National College for Teaching and Leadership applicants.

Deposits

There is no deposit required for this programme

ATAS

An ATAS certificate is not required.