

PhD Health and Wellbeing

Programmes covered

This admissions statement applies to the following programmes: Health and Wellbeing (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](#).

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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 view the [SWDTC website](#) for pathway contact details and further information.

Application Deadline

There is currently no application deadline for this programme.

There is a deadline for funded applications (ESRC and Bristol funding) for this programme. This is displayed on the individual programme page within the [University course finder](#).

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
- Research 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)

You can include details of other relevant qualifications or a research training statement to assist with your application.

Interviews

Applicants will be invited to attend an interview, which will either be held in person or by phone, before a decision is made.

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 (or international equivalent) in a related field. A Master's qualification with appropriate research training is preferred.

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 B 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.

We require two references as part of your application, one of whom must be familiar with your academic work. We recommend you use academic referees, unless you have employment references that are directly relevant to the topic you propose to research.

Personal statement criteria

Your personal statement should indicate your interest in the chosen pathway/research.

Research statement and research training statement criteria

Your research statement should be a concise summary (up to 2,000 words) of the rationale for the research, the research questions to be answered and how you propose to address them.

Your research training statement should describe the research training you have received to date, including any received as part of employment. Please see the admissions statement on the [SWDTC website](#) for more information.

Interview criteria

Shortlisted candidates will be interviewed. Please refer to the [SWDTC website](#) for further details.

Additional requirements

A sample of work may be requested.

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 completed application has been submitted, it is considered by the SWDTC pathway lead and the school director of graduate study. Applications are considered against selection criteria, which include: academic achievement; academic references; statement of research interest.

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

Deferrals are not usually agreed, but please contact the school to discuss.

Deposits

There is no deposit required for this programme

ATAS

An ATAS certificate is not required.