

Postgraduate Admissions Statement

PhD Molecular, Genetic and Lifecourse Epidemiology (Wellcome Trust)

Programmes covered

Wellcome Trust four-year PhD in Molecular, Genetic and Lifecourse Epidemiology

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 Health Sciences

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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.

A research statement (see required documents) must be prepared by you as part of the application (usually through contact with the potential supervisory team) and provided as part of the application. Applications without this will not be rejected outright, but you will not be invited for interview until one has been provided.

Application Deadline

Dependent on funding deadlines. Please see the [programme webpage](#) for details.

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:

- A full curriculum vitae
- A covering letter stating clearly that you are applying for the Wellcome Trust four-year PhD programme in Molecular, Genetic and Lifecourse Epidemiology. The letter should include a personal statement (max. 250 words) regarding your career aspirations
- A research statement; up to two sides of A4, typewritten (approx. 1200 words). Applications received without this will be returned to the applicant, with a request for this information
- Two letters of reference
- A copy of your degree certificates and transcripts

Interviews

Interviews are used to select candidates for this programme.

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

You will have a good honours (minimum requirement is a 2:1) or Master's degrees in a relevant disciplines. As this is a multi-disciplinary programme degrees may be in a range of science subjects, but the applicant should be able to demonstrate how they will apply this to molecular, genetic or lifecourse epidemiology in their research statement.

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.

References should ideally be academic. References will be requested from referees for shortlisted candidates prior to interview.

Personal statement criteria

The personal statement should describe the applicant's background, research interests and how these align to the programme.

Research statement and research training statement criteria

A research statement (see required documents) must be prepared by you as part of the application (usually through contact with the potential supervisory team) and provided as part of the application. Applications without this will not be rejected outright, but you will not be invited for interview until one has been provided.

The research statement should include the rationale for the research, the research questions to be answered and how you propose to address them. Your research statement should be a concise summary up to two sides of A4 typewritten (approx. 1200 words). Applications received without this will be returned to the applicant, with a request for this information.

Interview criteria

Interviews comprise a five-minute presentation from applicants on their proposed project, followed by project-specific and generic questions from the panel.

Additional requirements

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.

Applications are reviewed by a selection panel (including programme directors) following the closing date.

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.

Decisions to shortlist will normally be made within two weeks of the deadline. Decisions to offer a place will normally be made within one week of interview.

Deferrals

Deferrals are generally not permitted for this programme unless in the case of exceptional circumstances, in which case requests will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Deposits

There is no deposit required for this programme

ATAS

An ATAS certificate is not required.