

Postgraduate Admissions Statement

DDS Orthodontics (Doctorate in Dental Surgery)

Programmes covered

Orthodontics (DDS)

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 Taught Programmes](#).

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Admissions cycle

2017

Application process

Online application

The next intake for Orthodontics (DDS) will be in 2017. The application process for UK and EU students is run in conjunction with the South West Dental Postgraduate Deanery and the national recruitment process.

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.

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
- Degree certificate(s) from first and subsequent degrees
- Academic transcript(s) from your first and subsequent degrees
- Certificates for any additional professional qualifications
- 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 for a list of English-speaking countries)
- Evidence of external funding, if appropriate
- General Dental Council registration certificate or equivalent
- Research statements and research training statements are not required for this programme.

Interviews

UK and EU applicants: Interviews are run through the national recruitment process, and the application process is usually advertised via the British Dental Journal early each year.

International applicants: Suitable candidates are invited for interview.

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

BDS (or equivalent qualification which can be registered with the GDC) is an essential requirement and the MFDS or equivalents are desirable. Please see The Royal College of Surgeons of England website for further information on the MJDF (The Diploma of Membership of the Joint Dental Faculties at The Royal College of Surgeons of England). In some cases, satisfactory completion of a one-month period of pre-programme assessment during September of the year of entry will be required.

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

All applicants require references from at least two professional related supervisors during the previous experience gained.

Personal statement criteria

Candidate selection is made via the national recruitment process, with applications and interviews held centrally.

Interview Criteria

UK or EU applicants: Candidate selection is made via the national recruitment process with interviews held centrally.

International applicants: This usually requires a 30-minute interview with two people, preferably in person when travel permits, or via teleconferencing if attendance is a problem.

Additional requirements

The UHBristol NHS Trust requires that all those who are granted access to patients must have evidence of immunisation against infectious diseases and Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) clearance prior to commencing the clinical sessions within the Trust premises. Students on this programme will require a honorary contract with the Trust.

Applicants are required to provide evidence that they have all necessary immunisations as required by the NHS Trust. A full list of immunisations required and acceptable evidence is provided below.

Evidence of immunisations must be submitted by **29th September 2017**

MMR	<p>Either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Evidence of 2 x MMR vaccinations or,• Evidence of Immunity to Measles, Mumps and Rubella
Hep B	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3 x Hep b vaccines and• Blood results showing Immunity• 5 year booster (may be required- due 5 years after immunity)
Chicken Pox	<p>Either</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Verbal history of disease or• Blood test showing immunity or• Evidence of Chickenpox vaccination within last 10 years
TB	<p>Either</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• BCG Scar or• Proof of vaccination <p>If coming from a country outside of the UK a blood test will be required (each case to be assessed by OH on individual basis- can only be done once been in the UK for 6 weeks)</p>

EPP	<p>Exposure prone Procedure bloods (IVS)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hep B • Hep C • HIV <p>These bloods must be done for all students and must be completed in the UK, with no period of working abroad having been completed after they were taken (Note these bloods take a minimum of a week to be processed, so must be done at least a week before individuals are due to commence EPP work)</p>
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Applicants must also provide evidence of satisfactory DBS clearance prior to commencing the clinical sessions within the Trust premises.

International applicants will be required to provide a satisfactory Police check/Certificate of Good Conduct from their home country (with a certified translation into English if necessary). This requirement will be included in the conditions of any offer that is made, and will need to be satisfied before the applicant's place on the programme can be confirmed.

There is an additional £2500 yearly bench fee for all students.

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.

International student applications are assessed by staff within the School of Oral and Dental Sciences at the University of Bristol. Applications are assessed by a panel of at least four people and scores independently collated using the following criteria: Academic achievement; Amount and variety of postgraduate experience in dental posts; Evidence of involvement in audit and research; Evidence of involvement in teaching; Evidence of teamwork.

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.

UK or EU applicants will be notified via the national recruitment process during June before the course starts in October.

International applicants will be notified whether they have been successful within one month.

Deferrals

Deferred entry is not permitted.

Deposits

International self-funded students are required to pay a deposit of £3000. You can pay this deposit online at <http://bris.ac.uk/online-payments/deposits> using a credit or debit card. Alternatively you can pay through our PaytoStudy account at www.bristol.ac.uk/paytostudy. PaytoStudy is an international payment solution which offers competitive exchange rates. Where PaytoStudy has a local bank account, all wire fee charges will be eliminated and you will be able to pay in your local currency to a local bank account.

The deposit is non-transferable and non-refundable except under the circumstances outlined in the International Deposits Refund Policy which is available at <http://www.bris.ac.uk/academicregistry/office/policies/idrp.html>. You may pay your deposit in advance of meeting the conditions of your offer. If you subsequently fail to meet the conditions attached to your offer and are therefore rejected from your course on academic grounds then a refund will be made to you. To make the payment you will need your student number which you will find in your offer letter.

ATAS

An ATAS certificate is not required.