

PhD Robotics and Autonomous Systems - FARSCOPE (EPSRC Centre for Doctoral Training)

Programmes covered

Robotics and Autonomous Systems (FARSCOPE CDT) - PhD jointly delivered UoB/UWE

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.

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
- 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)

Optional Curriculum vitae (CV)

Interviews

Suitable applicants will be interviewed at the Bristol Robotics Laboratory by at least two members of the FARSCOPE Centre for Doctoral Training management team. Any suitable applicants from outside of the UK will usually be interviewed remotely by Skype or similar.

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 an engineering, physics, mathematics or related subject. Other disciplines will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Students who have completed our MSc in Robotics may be considered, on a case-by-case basis, for direct entry into the second year of the FARSCOPE programme. This will be subject to interview, including a qualifying presentation on research.

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.

A minimum of two academic/professional references (dated within the last two years) may be submitted, either directly by the referee or by the applicant, using the application systems online reference form.

Personal statement criteria

Applicants should include in their personal statement any relevant experience/skills and details of their academic background. They should also demonstrate a motivation for robotics and multidisciplinary research, as well as a breadth of interest within the field of robotics and autonomous systems.

Research statement and research training statement criteria

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

Interview criteria

Interviews will focus on the applicant's motivation for robotics and multidisciplinary research, academic background, and breadth of interest within the field of robotics and autonomous systems. Applicants attending for interview will be given a tour of the laboratory and will have the chance to meet some FARSCOPE's current students.

Additional requirements

The FARSCOPE CDT programme has no funding for students outside of the EU, but any applications received from self-funded international students will be considered.

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 will be considered by the FARSCOPE CDT's management 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 not available for this programme.

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.