Postgraduate Admissions Statement for EdD Education (Hong Kong)



Awards available; EdD

This Admissions Statement applies to applications submitted for entry to the programme between 1 October 2019 and 30 September 2020.

It should be read in association with the <u>University Admissions Principles and Procedures</u> for Postgraduate programmes and the relevant <u>prospectus entry</u> for this programme.

Faculty

Faculty of Social Sciences and Law, School of Education

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Application deadline

Application deadlines can be found on the individual programme page within the University course finder

Admissions criteria	
Academic requirements	Applicants must hold/achieve a minimum of; An upper second-class undergraduate honours degree (or international equivalent); a master's degree, normally at merit level (or equivalent qualification); and normally at least three years' appropriate professional experience (eg employment in organisations that have an educational function or roles related to any aspect of education, training or individual learning).
	For information on international equivalent qualifications, please refer to our <u>International Office website</u> .
English language requirements	Profile E
	All applicants are required to have reached the required profile level of English language as specified by the <u>University's English Language</u> <u>Requirements Policy</u> prior to registration on to this programme.
Non-standard applications	We welcome applications from those with non-standard qualifications who can demonstrate knowledge, experience and skills developed in the workplace, or elsewhere, relevant to the programme of study. Please use your personal statement to provide further details. Non-standard applications will be considered by the Admissions Tutor(s) for the programme on a case by case basis

Application process

Online application form

Applicants should complete the online application form, uploading all required documents directly. Further information is available on our <u>guidance for online applications page</u>

Applications will not be considered until **all** required documents have been uploaded. If you have already submitted an application, you can upload additional documents into the 'Post-submission uploads' section of the application form. Paper documents received by post, or electronic documents received by email, are only considered in exceptional circumstances.

Req	Required and optional documents			
~	Two academic references (minimum):	References should be submitted electronically by the referee, using the online reference form. Alternatively, scanned copies of the original reference document(s) can be uploaded by the applicant. If you graduated more than two years ago, or if professional experience is relevant to the application, professional references will be accepted in lieu of one academic reference. At least one referee should be familiar with the applicant's academic work. References supplied with a personal contact email address will be accepted in excepted in exceptional circumstances, which must be explained within the reference. All references must be written, signed and dated on official letter headed paper from the referee's organisation. They must include the referee's full contact details, i.e. postal address, telephone number and organisation email address and must be dated within the last two years. A <u>reference template</u> is available to show the required format.		
\checkmark	Degree certificate(s)	From first and subsequent degrees. We require colour scans of original documents and certified translations of documents issued in any language other than English.		
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\checkmark	Personal statement:	Personal statements should highlight the motivation for applying for the course, and any relevant experience and/or skills.		
\checkmark	English language certificates/other evidence	All applicants are required to have reached the required profile level of English language as specified by the <u>University's English Language</u> <u>Requirements Policy</u>		
\checkmark	Curriculum Vitae (CV)	CVs might include details of other relevant work experience and qualifications to support an application.		
\checkmark	Research Statement:	The primary requirement for the research statement is to define and situate your research within an academic/disciplinary context. You should remember that people in the academic community are the primary audience/readership for postgraduate research. This means that you will need to identify:		

√	Programme specific research statement	 The research questions or problems that you intend to address; The research context for your project/programme of work; The methods you think you will use to pursue the key questions. Research statement should be a maximum of 1,000 words
	requirements	
\checkmark	Research Training Statement	Applicants are welcome to provide details of any relevant qualifications or training required to assist with their application.
\checkmark	Distance Learning supporting letter	For the distance learning option only, applicants are also required to submit a supporting letter from any institution/organisation that they will depend upon for the purposes of completing their research.

Selection process

Assessment of applications

All applicants are considered in line with the University's <u>Admissions Principles and Procedures Policy</u> and <u>Equality</u>, <u>Diversity and Inclusion policy</u>. Once a complete application has been submitted with all required supporting documents, it is considered by the admissions tutor and relevant academic colleagues in the School of Education. All applicants must meet the entry requirements above, and we pay special attention to your research statement

Interviews

Interviews may form part of the selection process.

The purpose of the interview is to assess whether the applicant has the necessary skills and capabilities to pursue the chosen postgraduate programme, and whether the programme is appropriate to the applicant's interests and aspirations.

If required, interviewees based overseas will normally be interviewed by telephone or Skype.

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 the application. If there is a deadline by which applicants must accept an offer of admission or pay a deposit, this will be stated in the offer letter.

Offers

Offers will typically be made in line with the academic requirements set out above.

Offers made may be conditional or unconditional. An unconditional offer will be made to applicants who have already met the conditions and provided evidence that conditions have been met. Where academic or language requirements have not yet been fulfilled, applicants will receive a conditional offer outlining the requirements that must be met.

If an applicant is not selected to receive an offer for the course to which they have originally applied, we may offer the opportunity to be considered for an alternative programme in a related subject area. In such cases applicants will receive an email notification providing any alternative course options and asking whether they wish to be considered for these. It may be necessary for applicants to submit additional documentation in order for the application to be fully considered for an alternative programme. Details of the documentation required can be found in the admissions statement for the relevant programme.

Results deadline

Applicants who receive a conditional offer will be required to submit all final results to meet their offer conditions by 31^{st} August 2020. Offer holders who will be unable to provide their final results by this date should email <u>ed-edd-hk@bristol.ac.uk</u> to notify the admissions team as soon as possible.

Deferrals

Deferred entry is available for this programme, subject to agreement by the relevant Admissions Team. Please contact ed-edd-hk@bristol.ac.uk to make a formal request.

Additional information

Extenuating circumstances

If your education has been significantly disrupted through health or personal problems, disability or specific difficulties within your studies, you can submit an <u>extenuating circumstances</u> form as part of your application.

The information provided will be treated confidentially and will help us to assess your academic performance fairly considering your circumstances.

Academic Technology Approval Scheme (ATAS)

Applicants who will require a visa to study in the UK will also be required to gain clearance through the <u>Academic Technology Approval Scheme</u> (ATAS). 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.

An ATAS certificate is not required for this programme.

Visa

This is a part-time, modular programme based in Hong Kong, and visa requirements are monitored by our partner university in Hong Kong.

Fees and Deposits

Fees

Annual tuition fee for 2020/21 if available on the relevant prospectus entry for this programme.

Deposits

International self-funded students accepting a place on a taught postgraduate programme are required to pay a deposit of £1500. Further information is available on <u>how to pay programme deposits</u>. Further information will also be provided in the offer letter to successful applicants. The deposit is non-transferable and non-refundable except under the circumstances outlined in the <u>International Deposits Refund Policy</u>.

Deposits are not required for this programme.

Sponsored Students

Sponsored students will need to upload a copy of their sponsorship letter using the 'Post Submission Uploads' section of the online application.