

Postgraduate Admissions Statement for PhD Chemistry



Awards available; PhD Chemistry, MSc by research.

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 [University Admissions Principles and Procedures](#) for Postgraduate programmes and the relevant [prospectus entry](#) for this programme.

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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 MSci / MChem honours degree in chemistry, or a relevant related discipline, or a postgraduate MSc or international equivalent. We may consider applicants with a lower second-class MSci / MChem honours degree or an upper second-class BSc honours degree who can demonstrate good potential for research.
	For information on international equivalent qualifications, please refer to our International Office website .
English language requirements	Profile F
	All applicants are required to have reached the required profile level of English language as specified by the University's English Language Requirements Policy prior to registration on to this programme. However, Applicants do not need to have reached the required level of English language before applying. If necessary, English language will be included as a condition of offer.
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 [guidance for online applications page](#)

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.

Required and optional documents

✓	Two academic references (minimum):	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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 reference template is available to show the required format.</p> <p>References supplied with a personal contact email address will be accepted in exceptional circumstances, which must be explained within the reference.</p>
✓	Degree certificate(s)	<p>From first and subsequent degrees. We require colour scans of original documents and certified translations of documents issued in any language other than English. These can be submitted at a later stage if the degree has not been completed yet.</p>
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✓	Personal statement:	<p>Personal statements should highlight the motivation for applying for the course, and any relevant experience and/or skills.</p>
✓	English language certificates/other evidence	<p>English language certificates are required from applicants for whom English is not the native language and whose full undergraduate degree was not taught in an English-speaking country (please see the English Language Requirements for a list of English-speaking countries).</p>
✓	Curriculum Vitae (CV)	<p>CVs might include details of other relevant work experience and</p>

		qualifications to support an application.
Optional Documents		
	Research Statement:	Applicants are welcome to provide details of research intentions to support their postgraduate studies. Some prospective supervisors may ask for a research proposal at a later point in the admissions process.
	Research Training Statement	Applicants are welcome to provide details of any training requirements to support their postgraduate studies.

Selection process

Assessment of applications

All applicants are considered on an equal basis in line with the [University's Equality and Diversity Policy](#).

Once a complete application has been submitted with all required supporting documents, it is usually considered by the intended supervisor(s) and an internal admissions committee, which may comprise several members of staff. Decisions are made on the basis of all the available information, including the written application, references, and interview performance if applicable.

Where an applicant has undertaken a transnational education partnership programme or top-up degree, meeting the minimum academic entry criteria will not automatically mean an applicant will receive an offer. For these applicants, admissions decisions will consider the academic history of the applicant alongside relevance of degree, and, if required, degree content, and performance in key modules.

Each applicant is considered both holistically on their own merit and in competition with the rest of the applicant cohort during the academic cycle.

Interviews

Candidates may be invited to attend an interview. There is no set format for interviews, but they typically cover one or more of the following areas: the applicants academic background, including training and experience that is of particular relevance to the programme or project; the applicants motivation for applying, including specific research interests within the discipline and career aspirations; and potential research projects. Candidates will also have the opportunity to ask questions.

Interviews are used to assess whether the applicant has the necessary skills and capabilities to pursue their chosen programme, and whether the programme is appropriate to their interests and aspirations. Candidates are evaluated on the basis of their academic achievement, understanding of research and self-motivation.

Interviewees based overseas are normally interviewed by telephone or Skype.

Interviews are normally conducted by two members of staff, at least one of whom is trained in fair and effective recruitment techniques. All interviews are undertaken in accordance with the [University's Equality and Diversity Policy](#).

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.

Deferrals

Deferred entry is available for this programme, subject to agreement by the relevant Admissions Team. Please contact j.s.van-duijneveldt@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 [extenuating circumstances](#) 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 require a visa to study in the UK must first gain clearance through the Academic Technology Approval Scheme (ATAS). Please visit the [ATAS page](#) on the Foreign and Commonwealth Office website for further information.

Visa

International students coming to the UK to study full-time may need to apply for a student visa. [Tier 4 student visa guidance notes](#) are available on the University website.

Fees and Deposits

Fees

Annual tuition fee for 2020/21 if available on the relevant [prospectus entry](#) for this programme.

Deposits

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.