Postgraduate Admissions Statement for MSc by research Global Environmental Challenges

This Admissions Statement applies to applications submitted for entry to the programme between 1 October 2020 and 30 September 2021.

It should be read in association with the University Admissions Principles and Procedures for Postgraduate programmes, the relevant prospectus entry and general application guidance.

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### 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.

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Options 2 and 3 require a research statement. You should use the research statement to define and situate your research within an academic context. With due regard for the primary audience/readership for postgraduate research (that is, the academic community), you should identify the following:

1) the specific research question you are interested in posing;
2) why you feel this is important;
3) what research has been done in this field to date;
4) what is novel about the research you are proposing;
5) what methods/approaches you would employ to answer the research question and why you have chosen this method;
6) a plan to outline how you would complete the project within the one year programme;
7) if and how you would plan to disseminate the outcomes of your research. Please use the template on our website to upload the research statement. Applicants should contact the Cabot Institute via the details above if clarification is required.

Optional Documents Additional References: Applicants are welcome to upload additional references to further support an application. Professional references from work experience in a related field and/or industrial placements can help an application.

Selection process

Assessment of applications

All applicants are considered in line with the University’s Admissions Principles and Procedures Policy. Once a complete application has been submitted with all required supporting documents, it is considered by at least two members of staff using the following criteria:

- Performance in undergraduate degree
- English language ability (where applicable)
- References
- Personal statement

Interviews

Candidates may be invited to attend an interview, or an informal discussion with your prospective supervisor to further discuss your research project. There is no set format for interviews, but they typically cover one or more of the following areas: the applicant’s academic background, including training and experience that is of particular relevance to the programme or project and the applicant’s motivation for applying, including specific research interests within the discipline and career aspirations. Candidates will also have the opportunity to ask questions. The purpose of the interview is to assess whether the applicant currently 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.

**Deferrals**

Deferrals are not permitted for this programme. Applicants are encouraged to re-submit their application for consideration following year.

**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 will require a visa to study in the UK will also be required to gain clearance through the [Academic Technology Approval Scheme](#) (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.

**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**

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Annual tuition fee are 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.