Postgraduate Admissions Statement for

MPhil and PhD English Literature

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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2. The research context for your project/programme of work;
3. The methods you think you will use to pursue the key questions.
Please ensure that you follow the research statement template provided when writing your research statement.

| ✓ | Distance Learning Research Statement | For the distance learning option only, applicants are required to submit a research statement providing a description of the subject and focus of the research project, including the research materials and resources required [250 word limit] |

**Optional Documents**

| ✓ | 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. |
| ✓ | Curriculum Vitae (CV) | CVs might include details of other relevant work experience and qualifications to support 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:

- Academic achievement
- Research statement
- Academic references
- Personal statement
- Interview
- Sample of work (if applicable)

### Interviews

Interviews 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.

**Deferrals**

This programme does not normally allow deferrals unless there are exceptional circumstances. Please contact artf-pgadmissions@bristol.ac.uk if you would like to discuss the possibility of deferring your start date.

**Results deadline**

Applicants who receive a conditional offer will be required to submit all final results to meet their offer conditions by 1st August for September intakes and 1st December for January intakes.

Offer holders who will be unable to provide their final results by this date should email artf-pgadmissions@bristol.ac.uk to notify the admissions team as soon as possible.

**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)**

An ATAS certificate is not required for this programme.

**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 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.