Postgraduate Admissions Statement for

PhD Robotics and Autonomous Systems

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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community are the primary audience/readership for postgraduate research. This means that you will need to identify:

1. The research questions or problems that you intend to address;
2. The research context for your project/programme of work;
3. The methods you think you will use to pursue the key questions.

**Research Training Statement**

Applicants are welcome to provide details of any relevant qualifications or training required to assist with their application.

**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.

**Optional Documents**

**Curriculum Vitae (CV)**

CVs might include details of other relevant work experience and qualifications to support an application.

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**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 the FARSCOPE Management Team.

**Interviews**

Interviews form part of the selection process. Suitable applicants are interviewed at the Bristol Robotics Laboratory by at least two members of the FARSCOPE Centre for Doctoral Training management team.

Interviews 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 receive a tour of the laboratory and have the chance to meet current students.

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.

Interviewees based overseas are usually 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.

**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**

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

**Deferrals**

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

**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.