Postgraduate Admissions Statement for

PhD Veterinary Sciences, MScR Veterinary Sciences

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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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 each institution/organisation that they will depend upon for the purposes of completing their research.

✓ Distance learning research statement
Applicants for the distance learning option must 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).

✓ Additional references
You are welcome to upload additional references, such as professional references from work experience in a related field and/or industrial placements, to further support your 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 performance, English language ability, references and suitability for the course. As well as checking that the school’s academic criteria have been met, the reviewers will ensure that the school is able to offer adequate supervision in the applicant’s chosen field of research.

Where we receive a large volume of high-quality applications for a small number of places, we may select applications for offer of admission using interviews.

Interviews
Interviews form part of the selection process for advertised and fully funded studentships. Interviews may also be held for self-funding applicants (including those with funding from non-University of Bristol sources).

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.

Interviewees based overseas will normally be interviewed by telephone or Skype.
All interviews are conducted by a minimum of 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 choosebristol-pg@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**

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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.