

# Postgraduate Admissions Statement for MRes Sustainable Futures



This Admissions Statement applies to applications submitted for entry to the programme between 1 October 2021 and 30 September 2022.

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

## Admissions criteria

<b>Academic and English language requirements</b>	The academic and English language requirements for this programme are displayed on the <a href="#">Postgraduate Prospectus</a> For information on international equivalent qualifications, please refer to our <a href="#">International Office website</a>
<b>Non-standard applications</b>	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.

✓	<b>References.</b>	One academic reference will be required as part of the application process. Professional references may be accepted if you graduated more than two years ago, or if professional experience is relevant to the application.  References should comply with our standard requirements outlined on <a href="#">our guidance pages</a> .
✓	<b>Degree certificate(s) and academic transcripts.</b>	From first and subsequent degrees. Degree certificates and transcripts should comply with our standard requirements outlined on <a href="#">our guidance pages</a> .
✓	<b>Personal statement:</b>	Personal statements should highlight the motivation for applying for the course, and any relevant experience and/or skills.  Applicants must use their personal statement to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrate their interest in sustainability research</li> <li>• Explain why this course is appropriate for fostering this interest</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Show an awareness that this course has its roots in Social Sciences and Law and is not aimed at applicants wishing to study the maths/science aspects of sustainability.</li> </ul>
✓	<b>English language certificates/other evidence</b>	Evidence of meeting the English language profile as stated on the <a href="#">Postgraduate Prospectus</a> and specified by the <a href="#">University English Language Requirements Policy</a>
<b>The following documents are only required if applying for ESRC 1 + 3 funding</b>		
✓	<b>Research Statement:</b>	<p>Please see how to write a <a href="#">PhD Proposal</a> on Law School webpages</p> <p>The primary requirement for the research statement is to define and situate your research within an academic/disciplinary context. You should remember that people in the academic community are the primary audience/readership for postgraduate research. This means that you will need to identify:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.The research questions or problems that you intend to address;</li> <li>2.The research context for your project/programme of work;</li> <li>3.The methods you think you will use to pursue the key questions.</li> </ol>
✓	<b>Research Training Statement</b>	Applicants are welcome to provide details of any relevant qualifications or training required to assist with their 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

Interviews form part of the selection process, if you are applying for 1 + 3 ESRC funding **only**.

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.

### 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.

### **Results deadline**

Applicants who receive a conditional offer will be required to submit all final results to meet their offer conditions by 29 July 2022. Offer holders who will be unable to provide their final results by this date should email [choosebristol-pg@bristol.ac.uk](mailto:choosebristol-pg@bristol.ac.uk) to notify the admissions team as soon as possible.

### **Deferrals**

Requests to defer the year of entry must be submitted via the applicant portal. Requests to defer should be submitted at the earliest opportunity so that it can be reviewed by the admissions team. We cannot guarantee that requests will be granted.

## **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. Guidance is available on the [University website](#).

## **Fees and Deposits**

### **Fees**

Annual tuition fee is available on the relevant [prospectus entry](#) for this programme.

### **Deposits**

International self-funded students accepting a place on a taught postgraduate programme are required to pay a deposit of £2000. Further information is available on [how to pay programme deposits](#). Further information will also be provided in the offer letter to successful applicants. The deposit is non-transferable and non-refundable except under the circumstances outlined in the [International Deposits Refund Policy](#).

### **Sponsored Students**

Fully sponsored students are not required to pay the deposit but will need to upload a copy of their sponsorship letter using the 'Post Submission Uploads' section of the online application.

