

Postgraduate Admissions Statement for PhD in Accounting and Finance

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

Academic and English language requirements	<p>The academic and English language requirements for this programme are displayed on the Postgraduate Prospectus</p> <p>For information on international equivalent qualifications, please refer to our International Office website.</p>
Non-standard applications	<p>Unfortunately, we are unable to accept non-standard applications for this programme. Applicants must meet the entry requirements.</p>

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.

Required and optional documents

✓	References	<p>We require two academic references. References should comply with our standard requirements outlined on our guidance pages.</p>
✓	Degree certificate(s) and academic transcripts	<p>From first and subsequent degrees. Degree certificates and transcripts should comply with our standard requirements outlined on our guidance pages.</p>
✓	Personal statement	<p>Personal statements should highlight the motivation for applying for the course, and any relevant experience and/or skills. You should describe the reasons for your choice of postgraduate programme and why it is important to you. Please also explain why you are applying to University of Bristol, why you think you are a suitable candidate for your chosen programme of study, and how it fits with your future career plans..</p>
✓	English language certificates/other evidence	<p>Evidence of meeting the English language profile as stated on the Postgraduate Prospectus and specified by the University English Language Requirements Policy</p>
✓	Curriculum Vitae (CV)	<p>CVs might include details of other relevant work experience and qualifications to support an application.</p>

✓	Research Statement	<p>You should use the research statement to define and situate your research within an academic/disciplinary context. With due regard for the primary audience/readership for postgraduate research (that is, the academic community), you should identify the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 intend to use to pursue the key questions 4. Two potential supervisors for your research– please refer to the staff profiles as listed by Research Group/interest
✓	Research Training Statement	<p>Applicants are welcome to provide details of any relevant qualifications or training required to assist with their application.</p>

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. Those applications likely to be successful are then circulated to potential supervisors.

Significant weight will be given to the extent to which applications demonstrate a clearly thought out proposal and specific interest in research and how this would fit into the wider context of research undertaken in the department. The ability to communicate clearly and precisely is also an important academic requirement.

Interviews

Informal interviews usually form part of the selection process to assess candidates' suitability for their chosen research area. These are usually arranged directly with applicants by potential supervisors. 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. Interviews may influence the final decision. Interviews normally take place via Zoom and are normally conducted by two members of staff 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.

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)

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

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

Deposits

Deposits are not required for this programme.

Sponsored Students

Sponsored students are not required to pay the deposit but will need to upload a copy of their sponsorship letter to the online application.