Postgraduate Admissions Statement for

PhD Integrative Cardiovascular Science (BHF)

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.

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### Additional References
Applicants are welcome to upload additional references to further support an application. In particular, professional references from work experience in a related field and/or industrial placements can help an application.

### Other relevant qualifications
Applicants are welcome to provide details of any relevant qualifications or training required to assist with their 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 staff using the following criteria:

- Academic achievement
- English language proficiency (where applicable)
- Academic references
- Personal statement
- Skills training and prior research experience
- Availability of appropriate supervision

#### Interviews
Interviews form part of the selection process. Interviewees will be asked to make a short presentation on a piece of research they have conducted. This will form the basis of subsequent discussions. Further information will be provided in advance of the interview. 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 normally interviewed by telephone or Skype/Zoom. 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.
### 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)

International students and researchers (apart from exempt nationalities) who are subject to UK immigration control will be required to apply for an Academic Technology Approval Scheme (ATAS) certificate to study this programme. For further details see [www.gov.uk/guidance/academic-technology-approval-scheme](http://www.gov.uk/guidance/academic-technology-approval-scheme).

#### 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 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 to the online application.