Postgraduate Admissions Statement for

EdD Education: Learning, Leadership and Policy

This Admissions Statement applies to applications submitted for entry to the programme between 1 October 2023 and 30 September 2024.

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

The academic and English language requirements for this programme are displayed on the [Postgraduate Prospectus.](#)

For information on international equivalent qualifications, please refer to our [International Office website](#).

Non-standard applications

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.

Required documents

References

We require two references (at least one should be academic). References should comply with our standard requirements outlined on **[our guidance pages.](#)**

Degree certificate(s) and academic transcripts

From first and subsequent degrees. Degree certificates and transcripts should comply with our standard requirements outlined on [our guidance pages](#).

Personal statement

Personal statements of 1000 words should highlight the motivation for applying for the course, and any relevant experience and/or skills. It is advisable that applicants refer to the School webpages in order to engage with centres/networks and the research undertaken by the School and to demonstrate in the personal statement how the applicant's proposed research fits in with the work within the School.

English language certificates/other evidence

Evidence of meeting the English language profile as stated on the Postgraduate Prospectus and specified by the University English Language Requirements Policy

Optional Documents

Curriculum Vitae (CV)

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

Research Statement

This is a vital part of your application and should be used to define and situate your research within an academic/disciplinary context. The statement should comprise 1000 words and cover the following:

1. Proposed area of research - Please indicate which field you consider most closely aligned with your initial research interests.

2. Working title of research

3. Background of the study - Suggest a potential study area for the dissertation phase of the degree, including, where appropriate, research questions or issues likely to be investigated.

4. Relevant literature and key ideas - Highlight some key ideas/themes in the existing literature relevant to your chosen area.

5. Methodology and methods - Indicate a potential research approach, given the objectives of your project, and explain how it connects to any research questions/issues outlined. You may also indicate any ideas you have about potential participants, methods of data collection, and approaches to data analysis and interpretation.

6. Possible outcomes - Suggest the potential outcomes and theoretical and practical significance of the project.

7. References

Research Training Statement

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

- Research statement

Interviews

Interviews may form part of the selection process.

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.

If required, interviewees based overseas will normally be interviewed via Zoom.

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 ed-edd@bristol.ac.uk to make a formal request.

Results deadline

Applicants who receive a conditional offer will be required to submit all final results to meet their offer conditions by 2nd August 2024**. Offer holders who will be unable to provide their final results by this date should email ed-edd@bristol.ac.uk to notify the admissions team as soon as possible.

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

Deposits

Deposits are not required for this programme.

Sponsored Students

Sponsored students must upload a copy of their sponsorship letter to the online application, and must also complete and upload the sponsorship authorisation form.