

Postgraduate Admissions Statement

PG Diploma (Postgraduate Diploma) Applied Neuropsychology

Programmes covered:

This admissions statement applies to the following programmes: Applied Neuropsychology (PG Diploma)

Applicants should also refer to the relevant prospectus entry for further programme details.

This admissions statement should be read in association with the [University Admissions Principles and Procedures for Postgraduate Taught Programmes](#).

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Admissions cycle

2017

Application process

Online application

The Postgraduate Diploma in Applied Neuropsychology has two intakes, one in September and another in January. The Distance Learning option is available only for international students resident outside the UK. Further information is provided below.

Applicants should complete the online application form, uploading all required documents directly into the application form. Guidance on uploading documents can be found in the [How to Apply FAQs](#).

Applicants should make every effort to choose the correct programme in the application form by reading the prospectus entry and admissions statements fully. Applicants should contact the relevant Admissions Team if clarification is required.

Application Deadline

There is an application deadline for this programme, which is displayed on the individual programme page within the [University course finder](#).

Required documents

All documents must be translated into English. Degree certificates and transcripts should be certified copies and list subjects taken and grades/degrees achieved. If your degree is not yet complete, please provide transcripts of subjects taken and marks achieved to date. All documents must be uploaded into the online application form unless otherwise noted. Applicants who have already submitted an application can upload additional documents into the 'Post-submission uploads' section. You can find information about how to upload documents to your application form in our [How to Apply FAQs](#).

Required documents for this programme are:

- Two references (at least one academic)
- Degree certificate(s) from first and subsequent degrees
- Academic transcript(s) from your first and subsequent degrees
- Personal statement
- Curriculum vitae (CV)
- English language certificates if English is not your native language and your undergraduate degree was not in an English-speaking country (please see the English Language Requirements for a list of English-speaking countries) (these may follow the initial application; we will begin processing the application without them)

You can include details of other relevant qualifications to assist with your application. Research statements and research training statements are not required for this programme.

Distance Learning (international students only) option:

In addition to the above requirements, applicants must provide a copy of their current passport. Each reference should include a copy of the applicant's photograph and should be signed by the referee to confirm facial identity of the applicant.

Interviews

Candidates may be invited for interview, and to visit the school and meet the supervisors.

Correspondence with applicants

Applicants will normally receive communication via email to the email address used to set up their application form account. Applicants should ensure that this profile email address is kept up-to-date.

Applicants may also be contacted by telephone.

Admissions criteria

Academic entry requirements

An upper second-class honours degree (or international equivalent) in psychology, or a closely related discipline (eg neuroscience, clinical psychology). Some clinical experience is preferable, though not essential. Previous professional experience or qualifications can also be put forward for consideration as equivalent to the academic entry requirements. These will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

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

English language criteria for non-native English speakers

For applicants whose first language is not English, it is necessary to achieve a minimum score in an approved English language test specified in Profile C of the [University's English Language Requirements Policy](#).

You can find information about the University of Bristol's Pre-Sessional English courses at the [Centre for English Language and Foundation Studies website](#).

Reference criteria

Applicants should arrange for referees to provide electronic references, which can be submitted through the online application system. Non-electronic references should be on headed paper, with clear contact details and signed by the person who wrote it. References uploaded by referees are strongly preferred. Referees should address an applicant's suitability for the course. Confidential references uploaded by referees are strongly preferred. While there is no set format, references typically address several of the following: academic achievement and potential; motivation; intellectual maturity and independence; relevant experience; potential for benefiting from and contributing to the course; written and spoken communication skills; ways in which an applicant's performance does not reflect their ability, including special circumstances.

References for applicants applying for the distance learning (international students only) option should include a copy of the applicant's photograph which should be signed by the referee to confirm facial identity of the applicant.

Personal statement criteria

The candidate should give their motivation for undertaking this programme of study, together with any relevant experience that might enhance their application.

Additional requirements

Distance Learning (international students only option)

- International students requiring a visa will not be able to obtain a Tier 4 student visa for the distance learning programme. Students will need to secure a student visitor visa (short term study visa) to enter the UK for each period of study.
- Basic computer skills including word-processing, web browsing and email are required.
- Access to a computer with internet (preferably broadband) access is required for the duration of the programme.
- The distance learning (e-learning) option requires students to attend the University of Bristol for up to seven weeks over the duration of their study for teaching sessions and examinations.

Resit examinations will be held in Bristol in September if and as required. Students would normally be expected to attend the resit examinations in person.

Selection process and offers

Selection process

All applications are considered in accordance with the [University's policy on equality and diversity](#). The University of Bristol upholds the principles of equality and diversity, respect and dignity. Candidates are not discriminated against on the grounds of race, ethnicity, nationality, gender, sexuality, religion or belief, disability, health or age.

Applications are considered by the programme co-ordinator and an internal admissions committee that may involve several members of staff. Decisions are generally made on the basis of all the available information, including the written application and references and the performance at interview, if candidates are interviewed. The applicant's performance in their first degree is generally the most important criterion, along with referees' statements regarding the individual's potential to do well and develop as a scientist.

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 their application.

Candidates are expected to accept or decline an offer within 40 days of receipt, unless otherwise stated in the offer letter. Offers and acceptances can be conditional, ie subject to the candidate meeting all the conditions set out in the offer letter prior to registration.

Deferrals

It is generally possible for candidates to defer entry. However this may be restricted for certain types of funding. The candidate needs to be aware of their funders regulations in this regard.

Deposits

International self-funded students are required to pay a deposit of £1000. You can pay this deposit online at <http://bris.ac.uk/online-payments/deposits> using a credit or debit card. Alternatively you can pay through our PaytoStudy account at www.bristol.ac.uk/paytostudy. PaytoStudy is an international payment solution which offers competitive exchange rates. Where PaytoStudy has a local bank account, all wire fee charges will be eliminated and you will be able to pay in your local currency to a local bank account.

The deposit is non-transferable and non-refundable except under the circumstances outlined in the International Deposits Refund Policy which is available at <http://www.bris.ac.uk/academicregistry/office/policies/idrp.html>. You may pay your deposit in advance of meeting the conditions of your offer. If you subsequently fail to meet the conditions attached to your offer and are therefore rejected from your course on academic grounds then a refund will be made to you. To make the payment you will need your student number which you will find in your offer letter.

ATAS

An ATAS certificate is not required.