

PhD Dynamic Molecular Cell Biology (Wellcome Trust)

Programmes covered

Wellcome Trust PhD in Dynamic Molecular Cell Biology

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 Research/Taught Programmes](#).

Faculty

Faculty of Biomedical Sciences

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Admissions cycle

2017

Application process

Online application

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

- Degree certificate(s) from first and subsequent degrees
- Academic transcript(s) from your first and subsequent degrees
- Personal statement / cover letter outlining your interests in dynamic molecular cell biology
- Curriculum vitae (CV)
- Research statement
- 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)

Interviews

Successful applicants will be invited to an interview and open day.

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.

Admissions criteria

Academic entry requirements

A first class or upper second-class undergraduate degree (or international equivalent), or Master's degree in a biomedical science discipline or relevant theoretical discipline.

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

References should either be submitted directly by the referee using the online reference form, or submitted directly by the applicant.

References should be on headed paper, with clear contact details and signed by the person who wrote it.

They should not be more than two years old. At least one referee must be familiar with the applicant's academic work.

Personal statement criteria

The personal statement should include details of the applicant's experience and their reasons for choosing this programme.

Research statement and research training statement criteria

Applicants should explain the area of research that interests them in the research details section of the application form.

Interview criteria

The Interview Committee is chaired by Professor Peter Cullen (Director of Programme) and usually includes four additional members that represent the scientific breadth of the programme. The Interview begins with the student briefly (max of 5 mins) presenting a piece of research that they have conducted. This forms the basis of the subsequent discussions.

Additional requirements

Your cover letter should explain your reasons for applying for this programme. Funding for this programme is open to all students worldwide.

Selection process and offers

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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 will be initially screened based on the following criteria: eligibility, academic performance, skills training and prior research experience, letters of reference and other relevant information. Shortlisted candidates will be invited for interview. During the interview, applicants will be asked to make a short research presentation - instructions will be provided in advance of the interview. An effort will be made to hold all interviews on the same day, but depending on numbers it might be necessary to hold interviews across two days.

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. If there is a deadline by which applicants must accept their offer of admission, this will be stated in the offer letter.

Applicants will be contacted after the closing date.

Deferrals

Due to the nature of the funding deferrals are not permitted.

Deposits

There is no deposit required for this programme

ATAS

Applicants who will require a visa to study in the UK will also be required to gain clearance through the Academic Technology Approval Scheme (ATAS). Please see the ATAS page on the Foreign and Commonwealth Office website for further information.

The Academic Technology Approval Scheme is a clearance process which affects overseas applicants (outside the EEA and Switzerland) for certain postgraduate science, technology, medical and engineering studies in the UK. Applicants to affected programmes are required to obtain an ATAS certificate before applying for a visa.