

# PhD Education

## Programmes covered

This admissions statement applies to the following programmes: Education (PhD)

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 Social Sciences and Law

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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 currently no application deadline for this programme. Early application is advised.

There is a deadline for funded applications (ESRC and Bristol funding) for this programme. This 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 of which is an academic reference from your Master's degree)
- Degree certificate(s) from first and subsequent degrees
- Academic transcript(s) from your first and subsequent degrees
- Personal statement
- 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)

A research training statement is not required but can be submitted to assist your application.

## Interviews

Interviews are not normally part of the selection process. Interviews are required for the scholarship funding process.

## 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

An upper second-class undergraduate honours degree (or equivalent) and normally a merit at MA/MSc level.

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 E 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.

Referees should be familiar with the applicant's academic work.

### Personal statement criteria

Please ensure that you set out your reasons for applying for the pathway clearly and concisely. This element of the application is extremely important for us in our decision-making process. This statement should focus carefully on the relationship between your professional and academic experience, your future professional and academic development and the role that a PhD will play in this.

### Research statement and research training statement criteria

You are asked to provide a 1,000-word research statement. This will be assessed according to the following criteria:

- Previous experience of the applicant
- The quality of the statement
- The originality of the statement
- The content and coherence of the statement
- The methodology and methods
- The applicant's references

Your research training statement should describe research training you have received to date, including that received as part of your employment.

## Additional requirements

There are no additional requirements for this programme.

## 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.

All applicants are subject to the entry requirements above. We also pay special attention to your research statement.

### 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.

An unconditional offer will be made where applicants have already met the conditions and provided evidence that conditions have been met. Where academic requirements have not yet been met, a conditional offer for the applicant to meet those requirements will be made.

Applicants will be notified by email when a decision has been made and decision letters will be available to view and print by logging in to your application.

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

### Deferrals

Applicants are able to defer their place for one year, after which applicants will need to reapply.

### Deposits

There is no deposit required for this programme

### ATAS

An ATAS certificate is not required.