

MRes Sustainable Futures

Programmes covered

Sustainable Futures (MRes)

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

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. Please view the SWDTC website (www.swdte.ac.uk/) for pathway contact details and further information on funding.

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

- Research statement (for applications for 1+3 funding)
- 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 list of English-speaking countries)

You can include details of other relevant qualifications or research training statement to assist with your application. If you are applying for 1+3 funding, we require a research statement.

Interviews

Following the initial application assessment applicants will be invited to attend an interview, which will take place in person, by Skype or over the phone before a decision is made. PhD applicants may be interviewed by potential supervisors, either in person, by Skype or over the phone. Applicants for ESRC-funded places may be invited to an interview panel, either in person, by Skype or telephone.

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 honours degree in a relevant social sciences or law discipline (or international equivalent), and/or a Master's qualification. Previous or professional experience is not required. 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 B 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. We require two references as part of your application, one of whom must be familiar with your most recent academic work. We recommend you use academic referees, unless you have professional references that are directly relevant to the programme to which you are applying.

Personal statement criteria

Your personal statement should indicate your interest in the chosen pathway/research.

Research statement and research training statement criteria

You can include details of other relevant qualifications or research training statement to assist with your application.

If you are applying for 1+3 funding, we require a research statement. As a minimum your statement should include the following sections:

(i) Background

This section should:

- detail the essential background to the proposed research
- provide a clear explanation of the issue(s) to be covered by the project
- contain a review of the literature demonstrating an awareness of existing major works in the field
- demonstrate how the proposed programme of research interacts, if at all, with these existing works; and
- include a full bibliography

(ii) Research Questions and Objectives

This section should:

- include a series of research questions that will be addressed or problems that will be explored in the course of the research; and
- define its objectives in terms of answering those questions.

(iii) Methods

This section should:

- describe briefly the methods of the proposed research
- explain the reasons for the chosen research methods and why they provide the most appropriate means by which to answer the research questions; and
- demonstrate an awareness of any ethical considerations in the proposed research.

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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.

Once an application has been submitted, including all the required information, it is considered by the SWDTC pathway lead. Selection criteria include: academic achievement; academic references; 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. If there is a deadline by which applicants must accept their offer of admission, this will be stated in the offer letter.

Deferrals

Deferrals are permitted for one year only.

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.