

## Postgraduate Admissions Statement

# MSc Experimental Psychology (Conversion)

### Programmes covered:

This admissions statement applies to the following programmes: Experimental Psychology (Conversion) (MSc)

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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Faculty of Science

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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 (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.

## Interviews

Interviews are not routinely part of the admissions process, but occasionally a candidate may be invited for an interview. In rare cases where an interview is thought to be useful, we will make sure that it is conducted by two members of staff, including a member of staff who has undergone University-provided training on fair and effective recruitment techniques.

## 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 will be advised by email if their application is considered to be incomplete and will be asked to provide any missing information or documentation.

## Admissions criteria

### Academic entry requirements

To be considered for admission to this programme, applicants are required to hold/achieve a minimum of an upper second-class honours degree (or international equivalent). Applicants need to demonstrate evidence of numerical/statistical competence (e.g. a first degree in a numerical discipline; quantitative research experience; relevant non-academic experience). This criterion is particularly important for graduates from a non-science background.

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 the applicant's suitability for the course.

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.

### Personal statement criteria

The key question is why the applicant is seeking a conversion degree in Experimental Psychology. How will this degree contribute towards their long-term career goals?

Please provide evidence for numerical/statistical competence. Examples of relevant evidence/information are: a first degree in a numerical discipline or experience with software for manipulating numerical data and/or performing statistics (e.g. Matlab, R, SPSS). Please list any specific numerical/statistical procedures you have experience with, such as exploratory data analysis and inferential statistics.

The ability to write clearly and succinctly is important for success in this programme, and will be part of the assessment for admission. Please do not exceed two pages.

### **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.

Applications are considered by the programme director. 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. Performance in the first degree is generally the most important criterion, along with referees' statements regarding the individual's potential.

### **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](http://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.