

Postgraduate Admissions Statement

MSc Veterinary Science

Programmes covered

Applicants for the MSc in Veterinary Science will also apply to be enrolled on a European (American) Veterinary Specialist training programme.

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

All applicants to the Master's programme will be interviewed for a place as a resident at the University of Bristol Vet School. The application for the Master's is a concurrent essential requirement to undertaking a residency training position.

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

Details of application deadlines can be found 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:

- Fully completed application form
- Personal statement
- List of transcripts of grades from your university
- Two references; these can be sent separately by your referee but must be sent before the deadline otherwise we will not be able to consider your application.
- Please do not send additional forms or a separate CV.
- Please provide an idea for a residency project.
- Copies of publications/papers in progress. If not submitted here, copies of these will need to be brought to interview.

Interviews

Shortlisted candidates will be interviewed.

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

Applicants will need to be qualified veterinary surgeons.

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 A 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

You should submit two references; one referee should be from your current place of work. Please include the following in your reference (this information should be given to your referees):

- Full name of applicant
- Other relevant information (eg the length of time you have known the applicant and in what capacity)
- Clinical skills and aptitude
- Teamwork and interpersonal/communication skills
- Initiative and ability to work independently
- Receptiveness towards guidance
- Intellectual qualities (eg critical thinking, problem solving ability, present performance, future potential)
- Interests and future plans
- Suitability of chosen programme
- Your signature (if possible. If this is not possible, please ensure the letter of recommendation is sent directly from your email address)
- Your title, name and position

Personal statement criteria

Your personal statement should include:

- Why you want to undertake a residency training position
- Why you think that you are right candidate for the training position
- How you have prepared for your application
- How you will meet the demands of the training position
- What you would like to do following this training position

Additional requirements

Applicants will need to be Members of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (MRCVS) and be qualified to practise in Europe. Applicants will be responsible for their own MRCVS registration and this must be in place before starting the residency/MSc.

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.

Applicants will be interviewed by a panel relevant to their application in terms of the specialist subject they are applying for. The interview will primarily assess communication, problem solving, knowledge of the subject area, awareness of what a residency position entails and ability to cope, and ideas for research project(s).

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

Deferred entry may be possible and will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Deposits

A deposit is not required for this programme.

ATAS

An ATAS certificate is not required.