

PhD Physiology, Pharmacology and Neuroscience

Programmes covered

Physiology, Pharmacology and Neuroscience (PhD (3yr), PhD, MD, MSc by research)

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](#).

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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 currently no application deadline for this programme.

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 academic references

- Degree certificate(s) from first and subsequent degrees
- Academic transcript(s) from your first and subsequent degrees
- Personal statement
- The name of your proposed supervisor(s) and topic(s). Without this information it will not be possible to process your application and any decision regarding the outcome of your application will be delayed until this information is provided
- 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 with your application

Interviews

If the supervisor expresses an interest in pursuing your application, that supervisor will contact you directly to arrange an interview.

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 minimum of an upper second-class honours degree (or international equivalent) in a relevant subject is required for entry to the PhD programme. Applicants who have completed their degree in certain countries will require an MSc to enable them to enter our PhD programme. We may consider MSc by research applications from candidates with a lower second-class degree (or international equivalent). Applicants for the MD should be medically qualified and should consult with the Graduate Director before applying.

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.

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

You may be asked for additional information to help a supervisor evaluate your application.

Additional requirements

Overseas and self-funding students may be required to provide bench fees appropriate to the costs of their chosen research project. Enquiries about bench fees should be addressed to the named Supervisor at the time of application.

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.

Following initial review, applicants will be interviewed by their proposed supervisor. The school's Director of Graduate Studies makes the final decision about an application.

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.

Please be aware that an offer to pursue postgraduate research does not come with any form of financial support, unless explicitly stated.

Deferrals

Deferred entry is possible.

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.