

## Postgraduate Admissions Statement

# MSc Reproduction and Development

### Programmes covered

Reproduction and Development (MSc, PG Diploma, PG Certificate)

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.

#### 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 that comment on the student's suitability for this course and academic potential. One reference must be an academic reference. Applications may be considered in the absence of references but any offer made will be conditional on the receipt of two acceptable references
- Degree certificate(s) from first and subsequent degrees
- Academic transcript(s) from your first and subsequent degrees
- Personal statement (this should explain why you wish to study on this programme and how it will benefit your development and future career)
- 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)
- Proof of Hepatitis B immunity in the form of a blood test recording antibody levels above 10 mIU/mL.

Research statements and research training statements are not required for this programme.

## Interviews

Interviews do not normally form part of the selection process unless there are specific reasons (eg if you have relevant experience in the place of the required standard first degree).

## 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 good honours degree (usually at the level of an upper second class or international equivalent) in a biological or related science, nursing, midwifery or medicine.

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

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 should ideally be academic and comment on the academic potential of the candidate and their suitability for the programme. Professional references may be acceptable providing they are able to comment on the candidates knowledge in the field of reproduction and development and comment on the applicant's academic ability (eg presentation skills, collaborative skills, communication and academic writing experience and ability).

### Personal statement criteria

Personal statements should explain why you wish to study this programme and how it will benefit your development and future career.

## Additional requirements

Please note that this programme is mainly delivered by distance learning. The course requires students to attend Bristol for a maximum of 10 weeks for both the autumn (Sept-Oct) and spring (Feb-March) workshops over the duration of their study for teaching sessions and exams. You will not be able to obtain a Tier 4 student visa for this programme. International applicants will need to secure a student visitor visa for entry to the UK for each period of study. Applicants should have access to a suitable computer with internet connection (preferably broadband) for the duration of the programme. All applications should also have basic computer skills including word processing, email and familiarity with the internet.

## 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 directors. Additional unit leaders will review the application if there is disagreement over the course of action to be taken. Applications are assessed for suitability of first degree, relevant experience, personal statement and references.

### 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.

Decisions will usually be made within three weeks of receiving all relevant information. All offers will have a time frame in which the applicant must respond to the offer. The deposit, payable by international students (see below), must also be paid within this time frame. The length of time given will vary depending on the date the application was made (ie shorter times will be given for students who apply late in the academic year). Any conditions of the offer must be met before the registration date for the course.

### Deferrals

Deferred entry may be possible and will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Any request for a deferred entry will only be considered if the full deposit has been paid.

### 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.