

# MSc Social Work Research

## Programmes covered

Social Work Research (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](#).

## Faculty

Faculty of Social Sciences and Law

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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 references
- Degree certificate(s) from first and subsequent degrees
- Academic transcript(s) from your first and subsequent degrees

- Personal 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 list of English-speaking countries)

## Interviews

The MSc Social Work Research does not normally require candidates to be interviewed. In exceptional circumstances, an interview may be offered to a candidate whose application does not meet all the criteria, for example because they completed their first degree some years previously and they are not able to obtain an academic reference.

## 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 should possess one of the following:

1. An upper second-class honours degree (or equivalent qualification) in a social science or other relevant discipline
2. An upper second-class honours degree (or equivalent qualification) in any subject and a Master's degree in social work
3. A professional qualification in social work and substantial relevant experience and evidence of ability to benefit from the programme demonstrated through a written exercise. Please note, a professional qualification in social work is not a requirement for admission to the programme. Recognised Prior Learning will be considered by the Programme Director and Graduate Education Director. The maximum credit for which Recognised Prior Learning can be accepted is one third of a programme, ie 60 credit points APL for a 180 credit point Master's programme.

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. We require two references as part of your application, one of whom must be familiar with the your academic work. We recommend you use academic referees, unless you have employment references which are directly relevant to the to the programme to which you are applying.

### Personal statement criteria

The personal statement should cover how your academic and professional experience relate to programme aims as well as your ability to benefit from the programme.

### 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.

All applications are screened by the Postgraduate Senior Admissions Administrator who checks that all the papers have been submitted. The application is then considered by the programme Admissions Tutor. Admissions decisions will take into account the completed application form, two academic references, and the verified degree transcript. The Programme Director uses the University principles and procedures for postgraduate taught programmes and Guidelines on the Recognition of Prior Learning. The reasons for an admission decision will be recorded on the application form and students will be informed about the reasons for an admission decision.

### 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 your offer of place is conditional on meeting language requirements, please bear in mind that this is non-negotiable and must be met prior to beginning your study. Pre-sessional English language courses are available at the University before your course starts. These courses are run by the University's Language Centre and are designed to develop the language and study skills needed in an English-speaking university environment.

An unconditional offer will be made to successful applicants who have already met the conditions and provided evidence that conditions have been met. Where academic requirements have not yet been met, successful applicants will receive a conditional offer to meet those requirements.

If there is a deadline by which applicants must accept their offer of admission, this will be stated in the offer letter.

### Deferrals

Applicants are able to defer their place for one year, after which applicants will need to reapply.

### 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