PhD Veterinary Sciences

Programmes covered

Veterinary Science (PhD, PhD (4yr), 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.

Faculty

Faculty of Health 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.

Applications for non-funded PhD/MSc places: Applicants should identify and have made contact with at least one potential PhD supervisor for the research project they wish to undertake. Academic staff's areas of research interest and contact information can be viewed on the School of Veterinary Sciences website:
http://www.bristol.ac.uk/vetscience/research/

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
- 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)
- Details of source of funding (if available)

A research training statement is not required but can be submitted to assist with your application.

Interviews

Interviews will be held as part of the admissions process for advertised and fully funded studentships. Interviews may be held for self-funding students (including those awarded funding from non-University of Bristol sources).

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

An upper second-class honours degree (or international equivalent) in a relevant subject.

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.

Two references are required. For current students or recent graduates at least one of the referees should be familiar with the applicant's academic work. For graduates of several years standing, professional references will also be acceptable.

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 indicate why they wish to study for a higher degree by research and what qualities they have that would make them suitable for a research career. They should indicate the research training they have received to date, and how a PhD/MSc would benefit their career aspirations.

Interview criteria

Shortlisted candidates will be invited to attend an interview with a panel of three or four members of academic staff and, where appropriate, a representative of the project funder. During the interview, candidates will be required to answer questions designed to assess their aptitude for research, their background knowledge of the research project, and their relevant skills to that project.

Additional requirements

Self-funding students may be required to pay bench fees appropriate to the costs of their chosen research project.

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 will be reviewed by the nominated supervisors and by the school's graduate director (admissions). As well as checking that the school's academic criteria have been met, the reviewers will ensure that the school is able to offer adequate supervision in the applicant's chosen field of research.

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.

The requirement for the applicant to respond to an offer is decided on a case-by-case basis. A deadline may be imposed for an advertised position, whereas if the candidate is awaiting the results of a language test or funding decision the deadline may be extended.

Deferrals

Due to the nature of postgraduate funding, deferred entry is not available, although you are welcome to re-apply at a later date.

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.