Postgraduate Admissions Statement for

University of BRISTOL

PhD Computational Statistics and Data Science: Compass

This Admissions Statement applies to applications submitted for entry to the programme between 1 October 2021 and 30 September 2022.

It should be read in association with the University Admissions Principles and Procedures for Postgraduate programmes, the relevant prospectus entry and general application guidance.

Admissions criteria	
Academic and English language requirements	The academic and English language requirements for this programme are displayed on the Postgraduate Prospectus
	For information on international equivalent qualifications, please refer to our International Office website.
Non-standard applications	We welcome applications from those with non-standard qualifications who can demonstrate knowledge, experience and skills developed in the workplace, or elsewhere, relevant to the programme of study. Please use your personal statement to provide further details.
	Non-standard applications will be considered by the Admissions Tutor(s) for the programme on a case by case basis.

Application process	

Online application form

Applicants should complete the online application form, uploading all required documents directly. Further information is available on our guidance for online applications page

Applications will not be considered until **all** required documents have been uploaded.

Required and optional documents		
✓	**References**	We require two academic references. References should comply with our standard requirements outlined on our guidance pages.
✓	**Degree certificate(s) and academic transcripts**	From first and subsequent degrees. Degree certificates and transcripts should comply with our standard requirements outlined on our guidance pages.
✓	**Personal statement**	Personal statements should highlight the motivation for applying for the course, and any relevant experience and/or skills.
		The personal statement (one A4 page) should:
		▪ explain your motivation for applying to the programme and how it relates to your plans for the future
		▪ explain why you should be offered a place on the programme
		▪ highlight elements of your academic record which align with the theme of the programme, such as project work or courses you have taken
		▪ highlight any other relevant skills or experience

✓	**English language certificates/other evidence**	Evidence of meeting the English language profile as stated on the [Postgraduate Prospectus](#) and specified by the [University English Language Requirements Policy](#)
✓	**Curriculum Vitae (CV)**	CVs might include details of other relevant work experience and qualifications to support an application.

Optional Documents

Research Statement:	We strongly encourage providing a statement (one A4 page) of your research interests. The primary purpose is to provide evidence of your enthusiasm and academic maturity. It is expected that students adapt or completely change their project area during their first year. You should identify:
	1.The research questions or problems that you intend to address;
	2.The research context for your project/programme of work;
	3.The methods you think you will use to pursue the key questions.
	Try to avoid generic projects that extend course/textbook content, and ensure that there is a computational statistics component, broadly interpreted. It can be helpful to map your interests to potential supervisors.
Research Training Statement	Applicants are welcome to provide details of any relevant qualifications or training required to assist with their application.
OTHER	Applicants are welcome to upload an example of their written work such as a research project or dissertation to support their application.

Selection process

Assessment of applications

All applicants are considered in line with the University's [Admissions Principles and Procedures Policy](#) Once a complete application has been submitted with all required supporting documents, it is usually considered by at least two members of staff using the following criteria:

• academic history and relevance of degree

• degree content and performance in key modules

• personal statement and research statement if included

• references

• performance at interview

• English language ability (where applicable)g that academic cycle.

Interviews

Interviews form part of the selection process.

The purpose of the interview is to assess whether the applicant has the necessary skills and capabilities to pursue the chosen postgraduate programme, and whether the programme is appropriate to the applicant's interests and aspirations.

Interviewees based overseas will normally be interviewed by telephone or Skype

All interviews will be conducted in English

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 the application. If there is a deadline by which applicants must accept an offer of admission or pay a deposit, this will be stated in the offer letter.

Offers

Offers will typically be made in line with the academic requirements set out above.

Offers made may be conditional or unconditional. An unconditional offer will be made to applicants who have already met the conditions and provided evidence that conditions have been met. Where academic or language requirements have not yet been fulfilled, applicants will receive a conditional offer outlining the requirements that must be met.

Deferrals

This programme does not normally allow deferrals unless there are exceptional circumstances. Please contact compass-cdt@bristol.ac.uk if you would like to discuss the possibility of deferring your start date.

Additional information

Extenuating circumstances

If your education has been significantly disrupted through health or personal problems, disability or specific difficulties within your studies, you can submit an extenuating circumstances form as part of your application.

The information provided will be treated confidentially and will help us to assess your academic performance fairly considering your circumstances.

Academic Technology Approval Scheme (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). The Academic Technology Approval Scheme is a clearance process which affects overseas applicants 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.

Visa

International students coming to the UK to study full-time may need to apply for a student visa.

Fees and Deposits

Fees

Annual tuition fees are available on the relevant prospectus entry for this programme.

Deposits

Deposits are not required for this programme.

Sponsored Students

Sponsored students will need to upload a copy of their sponsorship to the online application.