

## Postgraduate Admissions Statement

# MSc Orthopaedic Surgery

### Programmes covered

This Admissions Statement applies to the following programme(s):

MSc Orthopaedic Surgery

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

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### Admissions cycle

This Admissions Statement applies to applications submitted for entry to the programme between 1 October 2018 and 30 September 2019.

### Application deadline

Application deadlines can be found on the individual programme page within the [University course finder](#).

### Admissions criteria

#### Academic requirements

To be considered for admission to this programme, applicants are required to hold/achieve an MBChB or equivalent qualification.

Enrolment in a specialist training programme that would normally lead to a certificate of completion of training in Orthopaedic Surgery or its international equivalent.

For information on international equivalent qualifications, please refer to our [International Office website](#).

## English language requirements for non-native English speakers

Applicants whose first language is not English, and whose full undergraduate degree was not taught in an English-speaking country, must hold/achieve a minimum score in an approved English language test as specified in Profile B of the [University's English Language Requirements Policy](#).

You do not need to have reached the required level of English language before submitting an application, but an English language test must be submitted with the application for review. If necessary, English language will be included as a condition of offer.

There is an option to take one of the University's Pre-sessional English courses; details are available on the [Centre for English Language and Foundation Studies website](#).

## Additional requirements

Basic computer skills including word-processing, email and familiarity with using the internet are essential. There are no bench fees for this programme. You will require access to IT resources and the internet to access all learning materials.

Please note that teaching for this programme is delivered locally in Bristol (campus-based) and via distance learning (e-learning). Assessments will take place annually in Bristol.

## Application process

### Online application form

Applicants should complete the online application form, uploading all required documents directly. Guidance on uploading documents can be found in the [guidance for online applications](#). Paper documents received by post, or electronic documents received by email, are only considered in exceptional circumstances.

Before applying, make sure you choose the right programme by reading the prospectus entry and Admissions Statement fully. If you need clarification, please [contact the relevant admissions team](#).

Applications may not be considered until all required documents have been uploaded. If you have already submitted an application, you can upload additional documents into the 'Post-submission uploads' section of the application form.

### Documents to upload to online application form

Required documents for this programme are as follows:

- **One academic and one clinical reference:** References should comment on the candidate's suitability for the programme and their commitment to orthopaedic surgery. References should be submitted electronically by the referee, using the online reference form. Alternatively, scanned copies of the original reference document(s) can be uploaded by the applicant. At least one referee should be familiar with the applicant's academic work.
- **Supporting statement from the training programme director.** This should confirm your eligibility to apply and their agreement to support your application, particularly the clinical requirements of the course.
- **Degree certificate(s)** from first and subsequent degrees. We require colour scans of original documents and certified translations of documents issued in any language other than English.

- **Academic transcripts** from first and subsequent degrees. We require colour scans of original documents and certified translations of documents issued in any language other than English. Transcripts must list all subjects taken and grades achieved to date, with the grade scale clearly displayed in the transcript. Applicants must state their current average grade in the online application form.
- **Personal statement.** The personal statement should provide an explanation of why you wish to study this programme, and how it will impact on their surgical career and specialist area of practice.
- **English language certificates** are required from applicants whose native language is not English and whose full undergraduate degree was not taught in an [English-speaking country](#).
- **Curriculum vitae (CV).** CVs might include details of other relevant work experience and qualifications to support an application. Please do not include any school (pre-university) certificates, unless specified above.

### Correspondence with applicants

We will correspond with you via the email address used to set up your application form account. Please keep this address up-to-date.

### Selection process

#### Assessment of applications

All applicants are considered on an equal basis in line with the [University's Equality and Diversity Policy](#).

Once a complete application has been submitted with all required supporting documents, it is considered by two members of staff using the following criteria:

- Qualifications/grades at the time of applying
- Motivation for applying (as outlined in the personal statement)
- Demonstrated interest in public health through work experience, volunteering or research
- Academic references

Applicants who have undertaken a transnational education partnership programme or top-up degree and meet the minimum academic entry criteria will not automatically receive an offer of admission. In these cases, we consider academic history alongside relevance of degree, and, if necessary, degree content and performance in key modules.

Applicants are considered holistically on their own merit and in competition with the rest of the applicant cohort during that academic cycle.

#### Interviews

Interviews do not normally form part of the selection process, although in some cases students may be contacted to further clarify their application.

## Decisions

### Notification of 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. Decision letters include any deadline by which applicants must accept an offer.

### Offers

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

Offers may be conditional or unconditional. Unconditional offers are made to successful applicants who have met the admissions requirements. Successful applicants who have not yet fulfilled the academic or language requirements will receive a conditional offer outlining the outstanding requirements.

Unsuccessful applicants may be considered for an alternative programme in a related subject area. In such cases, applicants will receive an email with details of the alternative options. You may have to submit additional documentation in order to be considered for an alternative programme. Please check the relevant [admissions statement](#) for details.

### Deferrals

Deferred entry may be possible and will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Please contact the admissions team by emailing [fohs-pgadmissions@bristol.ac.uk](mailto:fohs-pgadmissions@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 in light of your circumstances.

### ATAS

An ATAS certificate is not required for this programme.

### Deposits

International self-funded students accepting a place on this programme must pay a deposit of £1,500. Further information on [how to pay programme deposits](#) is provided in the offer letter as well as online.

The deposit is non-transferable and non-refundable except under the circumstances outlined in the [Deposits Refund Policy](#).

### Visa

International students coming to the UK to study full-time must apply for a student visa. [Tier 4 student visa guidance notes](#) are available on the University website.

### **Sponsored students**

Sponsored students are not required to pay the deposit, but must upload a copy of their sponsorship letter in the 'Post-submission uploads' section of the online application, and must also complete and upload the [sponsorship authorisation form](#).