Postgraduate Admissions Statement for PhD and MSc by Research (MScR) in Physiology, Pharmacology and Neuroscience

This Admissions Statement applies to applications submitted for entry to the programme between 1 October 2023 and 30 September 2024.

It should be read in association with the for Postgraduate programmes, the relevant and general.

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.

Information/Documents Required

Named supervisors: Required
Indicate the names of one or two supervisors whose research interests you. You must also contact these Supervisors by email in advance of making your application. A list of potential supervisors can be found on our prospectus page

References: Required
We require two academic references. We accept references from personal tutors and lead supervisors of significant research experience, for example from final year projects or a year in industry. References should comply with our standard requirements outlined on our guidance pages.
Degree certificate(s) and academic transcripts: Required
Full and official degree certificates and transcripts from all completed degrees. Interim transcripts are required if your degree is not yet completed. Degree certificates and transcripts should comply with our standard requirements outlined on our guidance pages.

Curriculum Vitae (CV): Required
CVs should include full details of academic credentials and can include details of other relevant work experience and qualifications to support an application.

Personal statement: Required
Personal statements should not exceed one A4 page and highlight the motivation for applying for the PhD/MSc by research project, and any relevant experience and/or skills.

English language certificates/other evidence: Required
Evidence of meeting the English language profile as stated on the Postgraduate Prospectus and specified by the University English Language Requirements Policy.

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 considered by at least two members of staff using the following criteria:

- Academic achievement
- English language proficiency (where applicable)
- Academic references
- Personal statement
- Skills training and prior research experience
- Availability of appropriate supervision

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 or PhD/MSc by Research project, and whether the programme/project is appropriate to the applicant’s interests and aspirations. Interviewees may be asked to make a short presentation on a piece of research they have conducted. This will form the basis of subsequent discussions. Interviewees based overseas are normally interviewed by appropriate teleconferencing app. All interviews are undertaken in accordance with the University’s Equality and Diversity Policy.

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, 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.
language requirements have not yet been fulfilled, applicants will receive a conditional offer outlining the requirements that must be met.

**Deferrals**
Deferrals are not permitted for this programme. Applicants are encouraged to re-submit their application for consideration the following year.

**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)**
International students and researchers (apart from exempt nationalities) who are subject to UK immigration control will be required to apply for an Academic Technology Approval Scheme (ATAS) certificate to study this programme. For further details see [www.gov.uk/guidance/academic-technology-approval-scheme](http://www.gov.uk/guidance/academic-technology-approval-scheme)

**Visa**
International students coming to the UK to study full-time may need to apply for a student visa. [Tier 4 student visa guidance notes](http://www.gov.uk/guidance/tier-4-student-visa-guidance) are available on the University website.

**Fees and Deposits**

**Fees**
Annual tuition fees are available on the relevant [prospectus entry](http://www.prospectus-entry) for this programme. Bench fees may apply and will vary according to the individual project.

**Deposits**
Deposits are not required for this programme.

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