

# Postgraduate Admissions Statement for PhD Aerosol Science



This Admissions Statement applies to applications submitted for entry to the programme between 18 September 2024 and 17 September 2025.

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 first complete the online application form available on the EPSRC CDT in Aerosol Science website: <https://www.aerosol-cdt.ac.uk/>

Applications which meet the admissions criteria will be progressed to shortlisting. Shortlisting will be based on personal statement. Shortlisted candidates will be invited via email to indicate their preferred PhD projects, and will be matched with potential PhD supervisors to complete an interview(s). Candidates will also be required to complete a CDT interview.

When an applicant is matched with a project, applicants then use the online application system of the partner university with which they will be registered for their PhD (Bristol, Bath, Birmingham, Cambridge, Hertfordshire, Imperial, Manchester or Surrey). The information for this application stage if applying to the University of Bristol is provided below. Applicants applying to other CDT partner universities will be signposted to the appropriate process and guidance.

Applicants who will be registered for their PhD with the University of Bristol 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: Required

We require two academic references. References should comply with our standard requirements outlined on [our guidance pages](#).

### Degree certificate(s) and academic transcripts: Required

From first and subsequent degrees. Degree certificates and transcripts should comply with our standard requirements outlined on [our guidance pages](#).

### 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](#)

### Curriculum Vitae (CV): Required

CVs might include details of other relevant work experience and qualifications to support an 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 considered by the EPSRC Centre for Doctoral Training in Aerosol Science admissions team.

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 will be carried out by the CDT in Aerosol Science and are used to assess whether the applicant has the necessary skills and capabilities to pursue their chosen programme, and whether the programme is appropriate to their interests and aspirations. Candidates are evaluated on the basis of their academic achievement, understanding of research and self-motivation.

### 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

Deferred entry may be available for this programme, subject to agreement by the relevant Admissions Team. Please contact [aerosol-science@bristol.ac.uk](mailto:aerosol-science@bristol.ac.uk) to make a formal request.

## 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 (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.

### Visa

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

## 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 letter to the online application.