

Postgraduate Admissions Statement for Health Sciences Research MRes

This Admissions Statement applies to applications submitted for 2026/27 entry.

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 in the [Postgraduate Prospectus. Profile B is required.](#)

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](#). Intercalating applicants should refer to the website for information on how to apply for [intercalated degrees](#).

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

Required and optional documents

Two academic references (minimum): Required

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.

If you graduated more than two years ago, or if professional experience is relevant to the application, professional references will be accepted in lieu of one academic reference. At least one referee should be familiar with the applicant's academic work.

References supplied with a personal contact email address will be accepted in exceptional circumstances, which must be explained within the reference.

All references must be written, signed and dated on official letter headed paper from the referee's organisation. They must include the referee's full contact details, i.e., postal address, telephone number and organisation email address and must be dated within the last two years. A [reference template](#) is available to show the required format.

Degree certificate(s): Required

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: Required

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Transcripts must list all subjects taken and grades achieved to date, with the grade scale clearly displayed in the transcript. Applicants must clearly state their current average grade in the online application form.

Personal statement: Required

Personal statements should highlight the motivation for applying for the course, research interests as well as any relevant experience and/or skills.

English language certificates/other evidence: Required

All applicants are required to have reached the required profile level of English language (profile B) as specified by the [University's English Language Requirements Policy](#)

Curriculum Vitae (CV): Required

CVs might include details of other relevant work experience and qualifications to support an application.

Assessment of applications

All applicants are considered in line with the University's [Admissions Principles and Procedures Policy](#) and 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:

- Qualifications/grades at the time of applying
- Motivation for applying (as outlined in the personal statement)
- Academic references

Interviews

Interviews form part of the selection process to assess candidates further. These will be conducted on-line via Zoom or MS Teams.

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 is available for this programme, subject to agreement by the relevant Admissions Team. Please contact healthsciences-mres@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 [exceptional](#) 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)

An ATAS certificate is not required for this programme.

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

International self-funded students accepting a place on a taught postgraduate programme are required to pay a deposit of £2000. Further information is available on [how to pay programme deposits](#). Further information will also be provided in the offer letter to successful applicants. The deposit is non-transferable and non-refundable except under the circumstances outlined in the [International Deposits Refund Policy](#).

Sponsored Students

Sponsored students are not required to pay the deposit but will need to upload a copy of their sponsorship letter to the online application.