Postgraduate Admissions Statement for

DDS Orthodontics (Doctorate in Dental Surgery)

This Admissions Statement applies to applications submitted for entry to the programme between 18 September 2026 and 15 August 2027.

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.

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 at point of application' documents have been uploaded. Please note that due to high demand, this programme may close earlier than advertised. Early applications are advised to avoid disappointment. Places are limited and allocated on a continuous basis from September 2026 until all places are filled.

Required documents

References

We require two academic references. References should comply with our standard requirements outlined on our guidance pages. One professional reference will be accepted in lieu of one academic reference if the applicant has graduated more than two years ago.

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.

Applicants must have a BDS or equivalent qualification, which can be registered with the General Dental Council.

Personal statement

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

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. Recent clinical experience is desirable.

MFDS or equivalents are desirable.

Research Training Statement: Optional

Applicants are welcome to provide details of any relevant qualifications or training required to assist with their application. However, this is not a requirement.

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:

- Performance in undergraduate degree
- English language ability (where applicable)
- References
- Personal statement

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 be interviewed by MS Teams by the University.

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

Deferrals are not permitted for this programme. Applicants are encouraged to re-submit their application for consideration for the subsequent programme in 3 years.

Results deadline

Applicants who receive a conditional offer will be required to submit all final results to meet their offer conditions **within 2 months of the date of their offer.** Offer holders who will be unable to provide their final results by this date should email fohs-pgadmissions@bristol.ac.uk to notify the admissions team as soon as possible.

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)

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.

Immunisations

Students will be asked to submit immunisation evidence to the UoB and/or UHBW Occupational Health Department as part of the honorary contract process. The honorary contract must be in place before they start clincial sessions

Evidence of the vaccination history/blood tests do not need to be provided as part of the application process, however they will be asked for by occupational health and therefore applicants need to be aware that they will be asked for this information at a later date.

Criminal Record Check

All students will be required to have a DBS check before commencing clinical sessions.

The DBS will only cover UK convictions, therefore overseas students must supply a police clearance certificate as part of their offer conditions prior to the start of the programme as evidence of their conduct. UK students do not have to provide a DBS as part of their offer conditions.

Fees and Deposits

Fees

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

Bench Fee

All students must pay £2,785 bench fees per annum

Deposits

All Home and International self-funded students accepting a place on a taught postgraduate Dentistry 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.

For applicants from certain regions, the University applies increased deposit requirements to help demonstrate financial credibility and to ensure compliance with UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI) regulations. In such cases, the deposit amount will typically be £15,000 or 50% of the applicant's first-year tuition fees. The specific deposit amount required in each case will be clearly stated in the applicant's official offer letter. Information on how to pay the deposit is available on the University's website. Deposits are non-transferable and non-refundable, except in accordance with the terms 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 using the 'Post Submission Uploads' section of the online application.