

## Undergraduate Admissions Statement

This statement should be read in conjunction with the University's Admissions Principles and Procedures: [bristol.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/after-you-apply/policies/2019/](http://bristol.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/after-you-apply/policies/2019/)

Note that these policies are correct for the current intake cycle and may be subject to change.

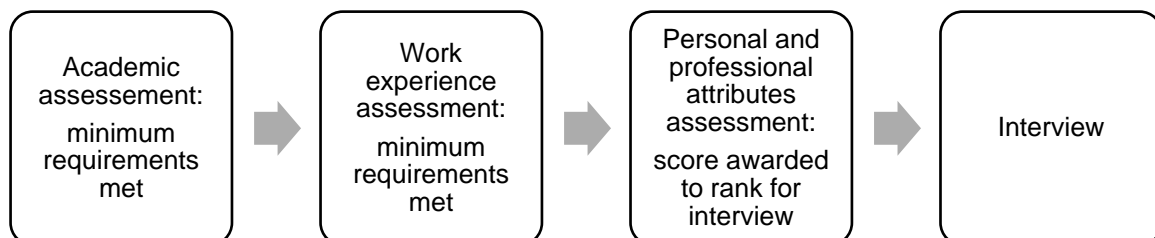
Year of Admissions cycle:  
2019

Courses covered:  
BVSc Veterinary Science: Accelerated Graduate Entry (D102)

### 1. Course-specific information

#### 1.1 Admissions process

Applicants are assessed on their academic record, according to their achieved or predicted results, and on their supplementary work experience and personal and professional attributes, then scored on additional criteria as follows:



#### 1.2 Academic criteria

Academic entry requirements for standard qualifications can be found in the undergraduate course finder: [bristol.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/search/](http://bristol.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/search/)

All applicants with at least an Upper Second Class (2:1) degree in one of the subjects listed below progress to the next stage of assessment. Applications must also meet the [standard literacy and numeracy profiles](#). There are no additional entry requirements, and other qualifications (eg A-levels) are not considered. However, you are advised to list all qualifications taken since age 16, so that we have a full academic history should we wish to consider you for D100 BVSc Veterinary Science or an alternative course.

The following degrees from the University of Bristol can be accepted for entry: Applied Anatomy, Biology, Biomedical Science, Bioveterinary Science, Cancer Biology and Immunology, Cellular and Molecular Medicine, Chemistry, Marine Biology, Medical Microbiology, Neuroscience, Pharmacology, Physics, Physiology, Psychology, Veterinary Nursing and Bioveterinary Science, Veterinary Nursing and Companion Animal Behaviour,

Virology and Immunology, Zoology. We will also consider applications with these degree titles from any UK university.

We also accept Mathematics degrees from the University of Bristol. Mathematics degrees from other universities, or other science-related degree courses, including those achieved overseas, may be considered on a case-by-case basis.

At the point of application, applicants must either be in the final year of their degree or have been awarded their degree. If the degree is not yet complete, we will require a predicted overall award from an academic referee, noted in the UCAS application form.

We may consider graduates who have achieved a 2:2 degree but have undertaken a further master's or PhD qualification, depending on achievement and subject area.

Completed degrees must have been awarded within the last 18 months. For 2019/2020 entry, we will consider awarded degrees obtained in 2017 and 2018 with no further requirement for recent study.

If your degree was obtained in 2016 or earlier, you must have evidence of recent study within the 18 months prior to the application cycle opening, such as further degree study, additional study (for example, MOOC) or work in an academic setting.

Credit may be awarded to First Class degrees to differentiate between otherwise equal candidates.

### 1.3 Additional criteria

#### **Occupational health clearance**

All offers are made subject to satisfactory occupational health clearance. Applicants will be asked to complete and return the relevant paperwork by the specified June deadline.

#### **Personal statement criteria**

We do not use the UCAS personal statement to assess applications. Instead, we rank applicants who fulfil our academic requirements on the basis of their work experience and personal and professional attributes.

Once we have received UCAS applications, we ask applicants to complete a Work Experience and Personal and Professional Attributes form and return it by the specified deadline. Applicants who fail to return the form by the deadline will be made unsuccessful.

#### **Work experience**

Applicants must have at least one week's (40 hours) work experience in a veterinary practice and one week's (40 hours) work experience in an animal-related setting. This work experience must be undertaken in the 18 months prior to the UCAS closing date for applications (i.e. for 2019 entry, work experience must be completed between 1 April 2017 and 15 October 2018).

Applicants who meet the academic entry and minimum work experience requirements progress to the next stage of assessment of their personal and professional attributes.

## **Personal and professional attributes**

All applicants who reach this stage of the assessment are scored on their personal and professional attributes, as outlined in the Work Experience and Personal and Professional Attributes form.

### **1.4 Interviews**

Those applicants who are invited to do so must attend an interview in the current cycle to further their application. We do not consider previous interview performance for applicants interviewed in previous cycles. Information about the interview format is provided on invitation to interview.

The interview is used to establish whether you have the skills and attributes necessary for a career in veterinary science, and gives you the opportunity to display insight into a range of topics related to a career in veterinary science.

Interviews take place at the Veterinary School in Langford. International students have the option to attend an interview in South East Asia or the USA, subject to available dates. Applicants are interviewed by at least two people, at least one of whom has been trained in fair and effective recruitment techniques. Interviews are undertaken in accordance with the University's Equality and Diversity Policy.

### **1.5 Aspirational offers**

Due to the competitive nature of this course, we only consider applicants who are predicted to achieve (or have already achieved) our entry requirements.

### **1.6 Alternative offers**

Applicants who are not qualified or have an unsuitable academic background for the four-year accelerated graduate entry course may be considered for the five-year BVSc Veterinary Science (D100), provided they meet the entry requirements. In such cases, applicants will receive an email with details of the alternative option.

For information about how we assess applications for BVSc Veterinary Science (D100), please refer to the relevant [admissions statement](#).

### **1.7 Deferred applications**

Deferred applications (those made in 2018/19 for 2020 entry) are accepted. Applicants should indicate their intended year of entry in their UCAS application form.

We may consider deferral requests made after application. We reserve the right to decline deferral requests (for example, if we have an exceptionally high number of deferred offer holders).

### **1.8 Transfers**

Transfers into the BVSc Veterinary Science: Accelerated Graduate Entry (D102) from other courses are not permitted. Applicants who wish to study this course and are currently pursuing another degree are expected to have completed, or be in the final year of, that degree before applying for entry to the first year of D102 in the usual way.

## 2. General information

### 2.1 Admissions team

Applications are assessed by a centralised team in close co-operation with the School Recruitment and Admissions Officer(s).

### 2.2 Admissions process

Because we receive such a high number of applications, and to ensure that all those applying on time are treated fairly, we may hold some applications until May before making a decision.

We assess applicants on the basis of their application only; we do not take into account any additional information received from an applicant or institution, unless we have requested it.

Applications received before the 15 January deadline set by UCAS are guaranteed equal consideration.

We do not discriminate against applicants on the grounds of age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage or civil partnerships, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, or sexual orientation.

To assess an application, we require the following information:

- a full academic history from age 16 onwards, including details of any retakes or uncompleted qualifications;
- predicted grades for any qualifications the applicant is currently taking. These must be provided by the applicant's school or referee, and must include an overall grade (if applicable), *and*, where a particular subject is specified in the entry requirements, the achieved or predicted grades for that subject, and any related or major subjects being studied;
- in cases where predicted grades are not available, a transcript showing the results of a previous year's courses or examinations.

### 2.3 Correspondence with applicants

All correspondence relating to an applicant's status is sent by email.

We monitor the number of offers we make and may hold some applications until later in the cycle.

We email applicants to tell them whether their application has been successful or unsuccessful, or to inform them that their application has been assessed and put on hold, pending a decision later in the cycle.

For applications submitted by 15 January, the final deadline by which applicants receive a decision is 2 May. Most decisions will be made before this date.

### 2.4 Reference criteria

References should be provided by a personal tutor from the applicant's school or college. Where this is not possible, a non-academic reference should confirm the applicant's relevant experience and indicate their potential for degree-level study.

The reference is considered alongside the personal statement, taking into account the following:

- predictions of examination results (including, if necessary, an explanation of any non-standard qualifications);

- an overall assessment of the applicant, in particular the suitability and academic potential of the applicant to study at degree level;
- discussion of earlier exam results, especially those influenced by personal or medical circumstances (and therefore a poor guide to ability);
- discussion of the applicant's intellectual curiosity, interests and suitability for the subject.

Referees who believe the applicant's performance does not reflect their ability, because of educational context and/or special circumstances, should advise the applicant to complete an extenuating circumstances form (see section 2.8 Extenuating Circumstances).

## 2.5 International applicants

International applicants are subject to the criteria detailed on our international web page: [bristol.ac.uk/international/countries/](http://bristol.ac.uk/international/countries/)

We also consider applications through the Common Application system, using the same assessment criteria as for UCAS applicants.

## 2.6 English language requirements

All applicants must demonstrate sufficient ability to understand and express themselves in both spoken and written English in order to benefit fully from their degree course.

English language requirements for each course can be found in the undergraduate course finder and are explained on our English language web page: [bristol.ac.uk/study/language-requirements/](http://bristol.ac.uk/study/language-requirements/)

## 2.7 Contextual information

As part of our commitment to the UK national agenda on widening participation, we consider the context in which grades have been achieved and make contextual offers. Contextual offers are usually two grades lower than the typical offer. Applicants may receive a contextual offer for the following reasons: attendance at an aspiring state school or college; residence in an area with low progression to higher education; completion of a University of Bristol outreach programme; time spent in care.

Full details of the contextual offer scheme can be found online: [bristol.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/entry-requirements-qualifications/contextual-offers/](http://bristol.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/entry-requirements-qualifications/contextual-offers/) and within the University's Admissions Principles and Procedures for Undergraduate Courses.

## 2.8 Extenuating circumstances

Applicants whose education has been significantly disrupted through ill health, personal problems, disability or specific difficulties with schooling may submit an extenuating circumstances form: [bristol.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/after-you-apply/your-application/extenuating-circumstances/](http://bristol.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/after-you-apply/your-application/extenuating-circumstances/)

The information provided in the form is treated confidentially, and helps us to assess academic performance fairly in light of individual circumstances.

## 2.9 Policies

All applications are considered in line with our Admissions Principles and Procedures for undergraduate courses: [bristol.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/after-you-apply/policies/2019/](http://bristol.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/after-you-apply/policies/2019/)

We are committed to implementing high-quality, fair and transparent admissions procedures for all our applicants. However, applicants who believe they have cause for complaint should consult our applicant appeals, complaints and feedback policy.

This policy provides a mechanism for objective review in cases where an applicant believes that the University's Admissions Principles and Procedures have been inconsistently or incorrectly applied.

#### 2.10 Additional information

The University only guarantees places to applicants who meet the exact terms of their offer; however, applicants who narrowly miss the terms of their offer may still be considered as 'near-miss' candidates.

All applications from such candidates are reviewed in August after publication of A-level results. Applications from international near-miss candidates may be reconsidered earlier, depending on when their exam results are released.

#### 2.11 Contacts for enquiries

If you have any questions, please contact our Enquiries team: [choosebristol-ug@bristol.ac.uk](mailto:choosebristol-ug@bristol.ac.uk) or +44 (0)117 394 1649.