

Postgraduate Admissions Statement for



PhD Advanced Composites

This Admissions Statement applies to applications submitted for entry to the programme between 1 October 2021 and 30 September 2022

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	Unfortunately, we are unable to accept non-standard applications for this programme. Applicants must meet the entry requirements.

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.

Required and optional documents

✓	References	We require two academic references. References should comply with our standard requirements outlined on our guidance pages .
✓	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 .
✓	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

Optional Documents

Curriculum Vitae (CV): A CV is not required but can help an application. CVs might include details of other relevant qualifications to support an application. Please do not include any school (pre-university) certificates, unless otherwise specified above.

Additional References: Applicants are welcome to upload additional references to further support an application. Professional references from work experience in a related field and/or industrial placements can help an application.

Research Training Statement: A Research Training Statement is not required, but applicants are welcome to provide details of any training requirements to support their postgraduate studies. If there are no training

requirements this section can be left blank.

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 (60%)
- Degree of intellectual rigor in response to technical questions at interview (10%)
- References (10%)
- Fit to cohort (20%)

Interviews

For interviews held on our campus, applicants will usually be interviewed separately by the CDT Director and another member of the management team from the CDT. During their visit, applicants will have the opportunity to meet with current CDT students and will be taken on a tour of the offices and labs by a student. The whole process (interviews and tour) usually takes no more than two hours.

For interviews held remotely online, applicants will usually be interviewed jointly by the CDT Director and another member of the management team from the CDT, and where it can be accommodated will incorporate an informal discussion with a current CDT student.

Applicants will be assessed on their enthusiasm, their knowledge of our programme, and their ability to answer technical questions related to our programme.

The purpose of the interview is to assess whether the applicant currently 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.

All interviews are conducted by two members of staff, both of whom will have been trained in equality, diversity, and inclusion with respect to recruitment techniques. All interviews are undertaken in accordance with the University's policy on equal opportunities.

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 in nature. 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.

If an applicant is not selected to receive an offer for the course to which they have originally applied, we may offer the opportunity to be considered for an alternative programme in a related subject area. In such cases, applicants will receive an email notification providing any alternative course options and asking whether they wish to be considered for these. It may be necessary for applicants to submit additional documentation in order for the application to be fully considered for an alternative programme. Details of the documentation required can be found in the admissions statement for the relevant programme.

Deferrals

This programme does not normally allow deferrals unless there are exceptional circumstances. Please contact composites-cdt@bristol.ac.uk if you would like to discuss the possibility of deferring your start date.

Results deadline

Applicants who receive a conditional offer will be required to submit evidence that they have met their offer conditions before they can register for a programme. The expected start date will be stated in the offer letter.

Offer holders should email composites-cdt@bristol.ac.uk about any delay in providing evidence for the offer.

International offer holders should meet their conditions allowing time to obtain an ATAS certificate and apply for a visa.

Additional information

Extemporizing 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

Visa

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

Transfers

Students cannot transfer from the MSc Advanced Composites programme to the PhD Advanced Composites programme, and students who have completed the MSc Advanced Composites programme cannot apply to the PhD Advanced Composite due to the overlap of taught content.

Fees and Deposits

Fees

The annual tuition fee is available on the relevant [prospectus entry](#) for this programme.

Deposits

Deposits are not required for this programme.

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.