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Contact numbers

This page lists the key admissions contacts.

GENERAL ENQUIRIES
For general postgraduate enquiries please contact the Admissions Office:
Tel: +44 (0) 117 331 8505
Email: pg-admissions@bristol.ac.uk

PROGRAMME-SPECIFIC ENQUIRIES
For enquiries relating to a specific programme of study or funding support for PhD students, please see contact details in the individual programme entries.

APPLICATION PROCESS ENQUIRIES
For enquiries relating to the application process please contact the relevant Faculty Office:

Faculty of Arts
Postgraduate Admissions
Tel: +44 (0)117 928 8897
Email: artf-pgadmissions@bristol.ac.uk

Faculty of Biomedical Sciences
Postgraduate Admissions
Tel: +44 (0)117 331 1535
Email: fbs-pgenquiries@bristol.ac.uk

Faculty of Engineering
Postgraduate Admissions
Tel: +44 (0)117 954 5130
Email: fen-pgadmissions@bristol.ac.uk

Faculty of Health Sciences
Postgraduate Admissions
Tel: +44 (0)117 331 6824
Email: fohs-pgadmissions@bristol.ac.uk

Faculty of Science
Postgraduate Admissions
Tel: +44 (0)117 928 8126
Email: science-pg-admissions@bristol.ac.uk

Faculty of Social Sciences and Law
• Graduate School of Education
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  ed-phd@bristol.ac.uk (research)
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  ed-edd@bristol.ac.uk (EdD)

• School for Policy Studies
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• School of Economics, Finance and Management
  Tel: +44 (0)117 331 0508
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  Tel: +44 (0)117 331 7583
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  spais-phdenquiries@bristol.ac.uk (research)

• University of Bristol Law School
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  Email: law-pg-admission@bristol.ac.uk
This prospectus is designed to give you a snapshot of the many postgraduate programmes available at the University of Bristol, and to provide a brief outline of the support we offer and the experience you can expect. You can find more detailed information about programme content, entry requirements and Bristol student life at bristol.ac.uk/study/postgraduate.

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The University of Bristol has a long history of attracting the brightest and most gifted individuals from across the world to our postgraduate taught and research programmes.

Our postgraduates study alongside the absolute best in their field, in a supportive environment that challenges and stretches them, and which is recognised globally for its academic excellence.

At Bristol you will join a world-class academic community. Our researchers question orthodoxies, advise governments, develop and patent new technologies, and share their expertise and knowledge with their students. Many of our graduates go on to be leaders in their chosen fields.

The University offers a range of social, cultural and sporting opportunities; the city, located in a beautiful area of south-west England, is one of only five UK cities designated by the government as a European Centre of Culture.

I hope you will use this prospectus to find out how we can help you to take the next step in your career.

Professor Hugh Brady
Vice-Chancellor

Bristol is recognised globally for its high-quality research, and was recently rated among the top five universities in the UK. Our staff continually push forward the boundaries of discovery.
Why choose Bristol?

A world-renowned institution
The University of Bristol has had a reputation for innovation ever since its establishment in 1876. Our research tackles some of the world’s most urgent issues in areas including infection and immunity, human rights, climate change, and information security. Bristol is one of the most popular and successful universities in the UK and was ranked among the world’s top 30 universities in the QS World University rankings 2014. Our students and staff come from over 140 countries, making this a vibrant, global community.

Pioneering research
As a member of the Russell Group, the University of Bristol is a research-intensive institution. The 2014 Research Excellence Framework confirmed our position among the very best in the UK. According to the REF, 98% of our research is judged as being of ‘international standard’ (for further information please see p13).

Live in the perfect location
The University is at the heart of the historic, lively city of Bristol. The city has a quirky, laidback feel that students love. In 2014, Bristol was crowned the best UK city to live in by The Sunday Times, which praised its ‘great shopping, buzzing social scene and glorious scenery’. In 2015, Bristol was named European Green Capital.

Bristol is a beautiful city with so many things to do, if you can think of it then Bristol will probably have it.

Adele
PhD Chemistry
Discovering Bristol
Bristol is a cosmopolitan city steeped in history and rich in culture. Boasting a wealth of creative talent, historic buildings, green credentials, vibrant music scene and year-round festivals, it’s no wonder The University won the ‘City Life’ category at 2015’s Whatuni Student Choice Awards.

Named by The Sunday Times in 2014 as ‘the best city to live in Britain’, Bristol is situated in the South West of England, surrounded by rolling countryside, but only 90 minutes from London by train.

City-centre campus
The University is at the heart of Bristol in the historic district of Clifton. Among our 370 buildings are many architectural treasures, including the iconic Wills Memorial Building, the Victoria Rooms (where Charles Dickens and Oscar Wilde gave public readings), and the new, £56.5 million Life Sciences Building.

A green capital
With over 450 parks and green spaces, and as the UK’s first Cycling City and a Fairtrade City, it’s not surprising that Bristol has been named European Green Capital 2015, and is consistently ranked as one of the country’s most environmentally sustainable cities.

You can watch a video about Bristol and find out more about what it’s like to live here at bristol.ac.uk/citybristol.
Your university

The University of Bristol is internationally distinguished and one of the very best in the UK, thanks to its outstanding staff, superb facilities and talented students.

Renowned heritage
The University has had a reputation for innovation since its founding in 1909. It was the first institute of higher education in the country to admit women on an equal basis with men, and in 1946 established the UK’s first university drama department. More recently, the University has influenced many aspects of our lives through life-changing research in areas such as cot death prevention, stem cell medicine and 3G mobile technology innovation.

A world-class university
Staff at Bristol are recruited from all over the world, and in the past have included seven Nobel laureates. They work at the forefront of their academic disciplines – which means that their students do, too.
Supporting your studies
There are ten University libraries, housing over 1.4 million volumes of printed books and journals – the largest academic collection in the south west of England.

IT-equipped study spaces are located across the University, either for quiet study or in a more social, collaborative setting. Over 2,000 PCs (some of which are available 24 hours) are available for student use. IT training and support is provided by our IT Service Desk, and through laptop and mobile clinics. For more information, visit bristol.ac.uk/it-services.
A postgraduate taught degree can give you the edge, whatever your career plans. It can help you specialise in a certain area, or allow you to expand your undergraduate interests further. For some, a taught postgraduate qualification can be a new start in a completely different field, allowing you to broaden your horizons.

**Top-level teaching**
Highly regarded by employers, a Bristol postgraduate degree is a sound investment for your future.

Most taught programmes at Bristol lead to a Masters qualification (eg MA, MSc, MRes, MEd, LLM), which combines taught units with a research project. These programmes are typically one year full-time or two years part-time. In some areas, you may be able to choose a postgraduate diploma or certificate which offer specialist qualifications, such as a Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) or a Graduate Certificate in Social Work.

For details of our teaching and learning support, please visit the Academic Quality and Partnerships Office website at bristol.ac.uk/academic-quality.
Achievement that travels
Our programmes offer you a full range of transferable skills and learning opportunities that will enhance your future employability and prepare you for a global career. You can be sure that the qualification you gain at the end of your studies represents genuine academic achievement, and that its value will be recognised around the world.

A stimulating environment
With over 3,000 taught postgraduate students from over 100 countries, Bristol offers you a vibrant atmosphere in which to learn, build networks and push the limits of your potential. Several of our programmes offer flexible unit choices, allowing you to explore a range of topics and giving you the broadest view of your subject.

Our success in the REF (see p13) demonstrates that research at the University is at the cutting edge, which means that our teaching staff can share knowledge and experience from the forefront of their subject areas.

It’s reassuring to be taught by people who truly love their field of expertise – their passion becomes contagious.

Joyce
MEd Psychology of Education
As part of the Russell Group, Bristol is proud to be one of the UK’s leading research universities with an established record of impacting on society at local, national and international levels.

We have an excellent international reputation in research and are a member of the Worldwide Universities Network, a grouping of 19 research-led institutions of international standing.

For details, please see bristol.ac.uk/university/distinctions.

Research Excellence Framework 2014

The Research Excellence Framework (REF) is the system for assessing the quality of research in UK higher education institutions. In the 2014 submission the University of Bristol’s research was shown to have top quality and major impact on society and the economy.

For further details of our performance in the REF please see p13.
Our research degrees
Besides the traditional PhD and Research Masters, the University offers a growing number of professional or extended doctoral programmes.

Master's degrees by research (MSc, MPhil or MLitt)
A Masters in Research includes a structured research project where you can explore research themes by critical analysis and in-depth study. These programmes can be a valuable foundation for starting a PhD.

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)
The most common qualification gained by a research student, normally representing three to four years of study depending on the discipline, and resulting in a recognised contribution to knowledge.

Professional doctorates (EdD, EngD, DEdPsych, MD)
These qualifications are typically suited to professional practitioners already qualified to an advanced level in their area of specialism, who wish to deepen and challenge their understanding. These include EngD programmes designed to suit industry needs, where students (Research Engineers) spend about 75% of their time working in a company on collaborative research projects.

Extended doctoral programmes
A growing number of students choose extended programmes (typically four years of study), which include specialist taught training and advanced research projects, often before selecting an area of particular interest to pursue to doctoral level. This route is especially popular in the science and engineering-based disciplines.

Funded doctoral training initiatives
As a leading research-intensive university, Bristol receives funding for doctoral education from a wide range of sources, and has one of the largest concentrations of funded Doctoral Training Partnerships and Centres in the UK. These partnerships and centres for doctoral training often offer full scholarships for three to four years, and many are run in collaboration with other universities, or with global companies, providing access to a wealth of resources.

You can find further information at bristol.ac.uk/doctoral-college/centres.
The Bristol Doctoral College

The Bristol Doctoral College (BDC) provides a hub of information and guidance for all postgraduate research students, supporting the research community through a wide range of collaborative events, interactive workshops and engagement opportunities specifically designed for doctoral researchers.

Supervisors work with postgraduate researchers to identify their training and development needs, and to use the BDC’s bespoke Skills Training and Review (StaR) tool to plan and monitor progress throughout their studies.

The University of Bristol’s research-intensive profile and reputation enable it to secure funding for doctoral education from a wide range of sources. The University’s doctoral training partnerships and centres often offer full scholarships. You can find details of such funded doctoral programmes at the beginning of each faculty booklet.

You can find further information at bristol.ac.uk/doctoral-college.
Research excellence

The Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2014 has ranked Bristol among the UK’s top research universities. Our research is shown to have top quality and major impact on society and the economy.

The Research Excellence Framework (REF) is the system for assessing the quality of research in UK higher education institutions. The 2014 REF was conducted jointly by four funding councils and will influence the allocation of around £20 billion of research funding from 2015/16 onwards.

According to the REF 83% of Bristol’s research is either world leading or internationally excellent (up from 61% since the last research assessment in 2008).

The Times Higher Education used the REF results to measure each institution’s research intensity (combining the grade point average with data regarding the proportion of all eligible staff) and this placed Bristol joint fifth in the UK with the University of Oxford.

The REF assesses research quality against 36 subject-based units of assessment. Our online programme finder will provide you with the University’s REF results associated with each postgraduate programme.

These results underline the outstanding quality of the world-class research carried out at Bristol. It is particularly pleasing to see the high quality reflected across the broad disciplinary base for which Bristol is known.

Professor Sir Eric Thomas
Vice-Chancellor 2001-2015

bristol.ac.uk/study/postgraduate
How to apply

We welcome applications from talented candidates of all backgrounds and we are committed to promoting equal opportunities.

Your application
We offer an online application system for all of our programmes except the PGCE. You can begin your application at bristol.ac.uk/pg-howtoapply.

If you wish to apply for more than one programme, you must make a separate application for each. Please contact the relevant department if you intend to make more than one application.

What you need to provide
The online application system will prompt you to upload all relevant information. This includes references, transcripts, certificates and evidence of English language proficiency (if your first language is not English).

To help you ensure you meet the specific requirements of our programmes, we provide admissions statements. Please see bristol.ac.uk/study/postgraduate.

Making a research proposal
If you wish (or are requested) to propose your own area of research, you need to identify that area and find a suitable supervisor. You can use our website to find out more.
A good research proposal includes information about the academic impact of your research, plus material/data you will need to access. You should include details of relevant skills you possess and how you will manage your time at the University. Your proposal can be amended as you refine your study with us.

You should contact your proposed supervisor to discuss your ideas before submitting your proposal.

**Studentships, Professional Doctorates and Doctoral Training Centre applications**

Studentships (funded research degrees) are advertised on www.jobs.ac.uk/jobs/studentships. Professional doctorates and Doctoral Training Centre programmes are listed in this prospectus. To apply for a studentship, professional doctorate or Doctoral Training Centre programme, you should speak to the relevant supervisor or programme director before making your application online.

**I am an international applicant. How do I arrange a visa?**

If you are from outside the EU/EEA you may need to apply for a Tier 4 visa with sponsorship from the University. For information on visa criteria, see the UK Border Agency website (www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/visas-immigration/studying) and the University website (bristol.ac.uk/international-office/student-support).


**How is my application assessed?**

Your application will be processed by our Faculty/School Admissions teams. You will be able to log in and see the progress of your application, view your decision (once it has been made) and, if applicable, accept our offer of admission.

We aim to make decisions on applications to most taught postgraduate programmes within 21 days and to get in touch with research applicants within five days of receiving an application.

For more information on our admissions policies please visit bristol.ac.uk/university/governance/policies/admissions.

**English Language Profiles**

All applicants must demonstrate that they have the ability to understand and express themselves in spoken and written English in order to benefit fully from their degree programme. Your programme will specify one of six language ‘profiles’. Each profile corresponds to scores that you must have achieved through a Secure English Language Test (SELT) such as IELTS; or you may hold other qualifications in English which also meet our requirements.

Please see bristol.ac.uk/study/postgraduate/language-requirements.
Your future

Bristol’s postgraduates are highly attractive to employers; our employment record is among the UK’s best. Many major organisations have strong links with the Careers Service and often recruit directly from campus.

**Careers Service**
We offer a wide range of services and can help you to develop your skills, make well-informed career decisions, look for jobs, complete applications, and prepare for interviews. Information for all postgraduates at bristol.ac.uk/careers/postgraduates, and for international students at bristol.ac.uk/careers/international.

**Bristol PLuS Award**
The Bristol PLUS Award recognises the skills and achievements you develop through activity outside your studies. The award is endorsed by leading graduate recruiters including Airbus, Cancer Research UK, Ernst & Young, the NHS, and Unilever. Visit bristol.ac.uk/careers/employable/plus-award to find out more.

**University of Bristol Internship Scheme**
The Careers Service works with a range of organisations to offer students and graduates a variety of opportunities for high-quality, paid internships. For more information, please visit bristol.ac.uk/careers/employable/uob-internship-scheme.
Join a worldwide community

Bristol alumni are innovators, entrepreneurs and influencers, making an impact across the UK and overseas.

When you graduate, you’ll automatically become a member of this inspirational network – a global community of more than 119,000 alumni in 180 countries.

Get ahead in your career
You’ll have many opportunities to tap into the knowledge and experience of alumni while you’re a student, and after you graduate, you can keep in touch online though our website (bristol.ac.uk/alumni), LinkedIn (bristol.ac.uk/alumni/linkedin), and in person at networking events around the world (bristol.ac.uk/alumni/events).

A lifelong relationship
Alumni also have a long tradition of supporting future students. Many alumni donate to Bristol to help postgraduate students cover their travel costs to conferences to present their research, and to support the societies and sports clubs that make Bristol such an exciting place to study.

Priya Virmani (PhD 2007)
Founder of Paint Our World

I chose to study at Bristol because of its excellent reputation for multidisciplinary research. Being able to work with colleagues across other departments was exactly what I was looking for, and it was particularly apt for my area of study: issues of media, globalisation and economics. I had great supervision and went on to form the first research group for PhD students in my department. My time in Bristol was probably one of the happiest times of my life. I learnt how to be independent, how to nurture ideas and take a stand for them, and how to find my place in the world.
Financing your studies

Studying at Bristol is one of the most important investments you will ever make.

Financing your studies at postgraduate level can seem complicated, so you should investigate funding opportunities early when researching your options.

We classify all students as UK, EU or overseas for fees purposes. The amount you will pay for tuition fees and the financial support on offer will depend on your classification. Further information and advice on fees classification at bristol.ac.uk/fee-status.

**Tuition fees**
Wherever possible, up-to-date fees are provided with each programme entry in this prospectus. Fees are quoted per year and are subject to annual review, so are liable to rise each year. The tuition fee itself covers charges for tuition, examination, registration and a contribution towards the cost of membership of the University Union. Self-funded international students accepting a place on a taught postgraduate programme will need to pay a fee deposit of £1,000.

Tuition fees can be paid in full at registration or in two instalments. Payment may be made online, by direct debit or by credit/debit card. For further details email student-fees@bristol.ac.uk or call the Income Office on +44 (0117) 954 6372. For information on online payments please visit bristol.ac.uk/online-payments.

**Cost of living**
Living costs in Bristol are higher than in some other parts of the country, although less than in London. Currently, postgraduate students might need around £850-£950 per month in addition to tuition fees. For more information about living costs, please see bristol.ac.uk/living-expenses.

**Part-time work**
Part-time or vacation work is a popular way to boost your finances, and also helps you to develop your transferable skills and your employability. Our Careers Team can help you find the right job and advise you on your rights. More information at bristol.ac.uk/careers/find-and-apply/job-search.
The University offers a number of scholarships, studentships and awards to postgraduate students. Some departments offer programme-specific funding; information about these options appears in the relevant programme entries in this prospectus. You should also contact the department concerned to enquire about other possibilities they may be able to offer.

**Research Council Funding**
UK Research Councils offer support to UK/EU students, mostly on research programmes. For UK students this covers tuition fees and a minimum stipend of £14,057 (for 2015); for EU students this usually covers tuition fees only. There are a few awards for full funding for EU and international students. Further information at bristol.ac.uk/studentfunding/financial-help/research-councils.html.

**University of Bristol Postgraduate Research Scholarships**
The University offers a number of funded postgraduate research scholarships for outstanding applicants in all faculties. Awards normally cover full tuition fees and a stipend paid at the Research Council rate, however this can vary according to faculty.

**Scholarship search engine**
If you are a prospective international student, you can use our scholarship search engine to find out about scholarships and bursaries you may be eligible for. See bristol.ac.uk/studentfunding/financialhelp/search.

**International Office Scholarships**
In 2015 the University awarded five International Office Scholarships of £8,500 for one-year Masters programmes. In 2016 applications will be invited from all offer holders who meet the eligibility criteria and who apply before the advertised deadline. Further details at bristol.ac.uk/fees-funding/awards/international.

**Chevening Scholarships**
Offered by the UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Chevening Scholarships provide full funding for one-year Masters courses. Details at www.chevening.org.

**Commonwealth Scholarships**
Funded by the UK Government and UK universities, Commonwealth Scholarships are available to citizens of Commonwealth countries at Masters and PhD levels in specified subject areas. Details are available at http://cscuk.dfid.gov.uk.

You can find information on other University of Bristol scholarships (including our agreements with overseas governments) at bristol.ac.uk/studentfunding.
An international university

We welcome students from all over the world, and have the privilege of hosting an unusually wide range of nationalities and cultures.

There are currently students from over 100 countries studying here, making for a diverse community and a stimulating environment for teaching and learning.

Global partnerships
Bristol has research and teaching partnerships with universities across the world. We are part of the Russell Group of research-intensive UK universities, the Worldwide Universities Network, the Association of Commonwealth Universities, and the Coimbra group.

Before you apply
Our International Recruitment team provides advice for international students on the application and admissions process. We also offer guidance and information on programmes, entry requirements, qualifications, and scholarships.

Throughout the year, representatives from the team travel around the world to meet prospective students and to answer queries. Details of where we are visiting can be found at bristol.ac.uk/international.
If you are an international student with questions about studying at Bristol, please contact the International Recruitment team:
Tel: +44 (0)117 331 8591
Email: iro@bristol.ac.uk
Web: bristol.ac.uk/international

After you arrive
Our international student advisers will help you make the most of your time at the University and in the UK. You will be able to draw on their expertise on topics such as visa applications, bringing your family to the UK and adjusting to life here. For further details, please contact the International Advice and Support Team:
Tel: +44 (0)117 331 8572
Email: os-as@bristol.ac.uk
Web: bristol.ac.uk/international-office

Language training for international students
If your first language is not English, you will need to reach a suitable standard in an approved English language test. The level of language required for your programme of study is shown in each entry. For further information and advice, please see bristol.ac.uk/pg-language-requirements.

Centre for English Language and Foundation Studies (CELFs)
This centre, based in the Richmond Building, offers programmes for pre-postgraduate students and current students.

For information about the courses offered to current students, please see bristol.ac.uk/english-language/study/current-students.

For information about the pre-postgraduate courses, please see bristol.ac.uk/english-language/study/pre-sessional-courses.

For further information, please contact the centre:
Tel: +44 (0)117 331 8522
Email: celfs-enquiries@bristol.ac.uk
Web: bristol.ac.uk/english-language

Overseas research opportunities for Bristol PhD students
The Worldwide Universities Network’s (WUN) Research Mobility Programme allows second-year PhD students from Bristol to spend a research period at one of the WUN partners in Europe, Africa, the USA or China. For details, please visit bristol.ac.uk/wun/collaboration/rmp.
Accommodation

The Accommodation Office will help you find somewhere to live, and advise you on both University and private accommodation throughout your time at Bristol.

We offer an advice service for students with particular housing needs, such as students with disabilities and those with young families. Details of all our services, including films of our residences, can be found at bristol.ac.uk/accommodation.

Prospective postgraduates applying to study at the University have the following accommodation options:

**University-allocated accommodation**
The University allocates around 1,000 self-catered single rooms, located within walking distance of the University. If you are accompanied by a partner or family you can apply for one of a small number of University-allocated rooms or flats. The online application process starts in April and offers will be emailed in early August; please check our website for further information.

**Private rented accommodation**
There is a good supply of accommodation available from private landlords in Bristol. The Accommodation Office provides information and guidance about renting privately and can provide access to websites...
where landlords and students advertise for tenants. We also run a Residential House Search Event in August or September giving you the opportunity to meet other postgraduates and to look for private rented accommodation as a group or as an individual.

**Senior Resident positions**
Senior Residents help to build communities in our residences and offer pastoral and practical support to students. In return they receive rent discounts of up to 80%. For further information see our website at bristol.ac.uk/accommodation.

**Non-guaranteed applicants**
We try to accommodate non-guaranteed applicants where possible and encourage those who do not meet the guarantee criteria to apply. We will update you on availability of accommodation after the application deadline in August.

**Accommodation Guarantee**
You are guaranteed an offer of a room for one year provided that you:

- are paying fees at the overseas rate;
- apply by 1 August;
- are unaccompanied;
- have accepted an offer of a place of study;
- are a new, full-time student in your first year of study at the University of Bristol;
- will be starting your studies by September/October and will be here for a full academic year.
Support to flourish

At Bristol we want you to live life to the full. Our comprehensive network of student services will ensure you have access to support for all aspects of university life – academic, personal and practical.

Looking after your health
Bristol is one of only two universities in the UK to run a full NHS GP practice. It provides all the usual GP services and is run by a team of GPs, nurses and administrative staff who have a wealth of experience in working with students and their dependants.

Counselling service
Our Student Counselling Service provides a safe place for you to talk through any problems. It offers a wide range of services including individual counselling and therapeutic group sessions, a well-stocked resource library and workshops covering topics such as how to cope with stress.

Childcare
Our subsidised day nursery for children from three months to five years is conveniently located on the main campus and is open weekdays throughout the year.

Disability support
Disability Services provides advice and study support for students with long-term health conditions, mental health difficulties (eg anxiety, depression), specific learning difficulties (eg dyslexia), autism spectrum conditions (eg Asperger’s syndrome), sensory (vision and hearing) impairments, and mobility difficulties. It is best to contact us early in the application process so we can advise you on the support that may be available to you and how to access it.

Faith and spiritual support
The Multifaith Chaplaincy Centre offers support to all members of the University regardless of belief or background. The centre hosts a number of worship
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and meditation groups, as well as lunches and other opportunities to explore faith and spirituality.

Healthy lifestyles
We want you to have the best student experience possible and stay healthy and active during your time at Bristol. That’s why we provide great facilities for sport and physical activity, and a range of programmes which are designed to help you make healthy lifestyle choices.

A safe environment
Bristol has been awarded the police certification of a ‘secured environment’. We do not tolerate any form of bullying, harassment or victimisation; and we are committed to providing a fair and safe environment in which students can study and socialise.

International advice and support
Our dedicated International Advice and Support Team is here to support international students from the moment they accept an offer right through to graduation. This includes:
- guidance on applying for a visa to study in the UK;
- advice on finding work in the UK;
- a meet-and-greet service at Heathrow and Bristol airports;
- a full programme of welcome events in September each year.

All staff, whether support staff or academics, give 100 per cent to ensure a rewarding and invaluable experience for all students.

Krishna
PhD Chemical Synthesis
Bristol SU exists to help all students have the best possible time while they are at Bristol.

Led by students, we are central to the University experience and support all aspects of student life:

- We represent students’ views to the University through elected student officers and course reps.
- We support student development through over 250 sports clubs and societies (covering everything from international relations to ultimate frisbee). We also provide volunteering and sustainability programmes and many other initiatives.
- We provide a buzzing social hub for students, in the Richmond Building and beyond... everything from club nights to debates and conferences.
- We provide quality services such as our lettings agency and our advice service.

Whatever your need, we can help. If we aren’t currently providing what you need us to, come and speak to us and we’ll see if we can make it happen.

**The Richmond Building**
The Richmond Building, home of the Students’ Union, has recently undergone a significant renovation. The building houses one of the city’s biggest gig venues, the newly-refurbished Anson
Rooms. There are also two remodelled theatres, a café-bar, dance studios, rehearsal rooms, a pottery studio, a photography darkroom and a swimming pool.

**Get involved**

You will have the opportunity to join the Union Postgraduate Network, a student-led initiative that promotes an active postgrad community and gives you the opportunity to meet other postgrads; or you may decide to stand for one of the elected representative roles to help shape the postgraduate experience. For more information please visit: bristolsu.org.uk/pgnetwork

Bristol has a great student community spirit. It’s no mystery why a lot of people stay in Bristol after graduating.

**Derrek**

PhD Mechanical Engineering
Keeping you healthy

Bristol’s excellent sports and fitness facilities will help you stay on top of your game in an environment that promotes a proactive approach to sports, health and wellbeing.

Something for everyone
We encourage every student at Bristol to lead a healthy and active lifestyle. So whether you’re looking to compete at the highest level, bring sport to the local community or try something new and keep fit, we offer something to suit all levels of ability, interest and experience.

Our Sports and Activity Pass offers great value for money, giving you free or discounted access to the University’s extensive sports facilities:

- Indoor Sports Centre on the main campus featuring ‘The Pulse’ health and fitness suite, group exercise studios, indoor jogging track, sports hall and sports medicine clinic
- 33-metre swimming pool in the Richmond building
- Coombe Dingle Sports Complex featuring first-class pitches for a range of sports, state-of-the-art strength and conditioning suite and indoor tennis centre
- Brand-new £1.2 million boathouse at Saltford on the River Avon
- Outdoor activity zone (outdoor gym and multi-sport games)
- Gym at Langford Veterinary School

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Our students also have access to squash courts at nearby Bristol Grammar School and Kingsdown Sports Centre, while the Sailing Club uses superb facilities at the Chew Valley reservoir.

**Sports clubs and programmes**
The University of Bristol Students’ Union (Bristol SU) has more than 50 sports clubs, ranging from cycling to Ultimate Frisbee and American Football to sky diving. This means plenty of opportunities to play sport at University Representative level (BUCS*); in the Intramural Programme; as part of the SU’s UBU Active Programme or just to stay fit through casual healthy activities.

*(British Universities and Colleges Sport)*

**Performance Squad**
Our Performance Squad helps student athletes continue their sporting careers without compromising academic achievements. Members develop a personal action plan, supported by services such as nutrition advice, physiotherapy and mentoring. The squad has supported Olympians, Commonwealth Medallists and World Champions.

**Scholarships**
Exceptional student athletes can apply for sports scholarships including the Lloyd Robinson, Dave Attwood and Jeavons-Fellows Rugby scholarships.
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Getting here

Bristol is located in the south west of the UK about 100 miles (160 kilometres) west of London and has excellent road, rail and air links. The University campus is at the heart of the city and is easily accessible by public and private transport.

**By car**
The M4 and M5 motorways put London and Birmingham within a two-hour drive, while the M32 allows direct access from the M4 into the heart of the city.

You will find more detailed directions from the M32 to the University campus at bristol.ac.uk/maps/directions.

**By train**
Bristol has two main railway stations: Bristol Temple Meads and Bristol Parkway. We advise you to arrive at Temple Meads as it is much closer to the University campus. The number 8 and 9 bus services run to the campus from Bristol Temple Meads every ten minutes at peak times. The journey takes about 20 minutes. Walking from Temple Meads takes 30-40 minutes, with the last part uphill.

**By plane**
Bristol Airport is 13 kilometres south of the city and operates scheduled flights between many UK and European cities. There is a direct National Express coach service between London Heathrow, London Gatwick and Bristol, and a Railair link coach service between Heathrow and Reading (where you can join one of the main London to Bristol trains). You can also take the Heathrow Airport Express to London Paddington and travel to Bristol by train from there.

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However, the University reserves the right for any reason without notice to withdraw or change any of the programmes included in this prospectus, to alter tuition fees, entry requirements, the facilities and/or services available from or provided by or on behalf of the University. You should also note that the choice of subjects may be limited by considerations of timetable, staffing and/or available places on a programme.

If you accept an offer of a place on a programme, the relationship between you and the University will be governed by the applicable Rules and Regulations for Students, which includes the Student Agreement.

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bristol.ac.uk/studentagreement

The University values its students and works to provide a set of support structures and a range of opportunities that will enable you to excel in every aspect of your life and make your university career a genuinely transformational experience. To help create a positive environment for learning and academic achievement, the University has established various rules and regulations that all students must follow if they accept an offer of a place to study with us. These rules and regulations include a Student Agreement, which sets out the relationship between the University of Bristol and its students. A copy of the agreement is available at bristol.ac.uk/studentagreement.

Prospective students should take into account when selecting a programme of study the inherent risks of their chosen career. For more information, see bristol.ac.uk/prospectus/postgraduate/health-safety.html.

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