

## Postgraduate Admissions Statement

# MSc Veterinary Science

### Programmes Covered

This admissions statement applies to the following programme(s):

MSc Veterinary Science

Applicants should also refer to the relevant prospectus entry for further programme details.

This admissions statement should be read in association with the [University Admissions Principles and Procedures for Postgraduate Taught Programmes](#).

### Faculty

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### Admissions cycle

This Admissions Statement applies to applications submitted for entry to the programme between 1st October 2017 and 31st September 2018

### Application deadline

Details of application deadlines for this programme are displayed on the individual programme page within the [University course finder](#).

### Admissions criteria

#### Academic requirements

To be considered for admission to this programme, applicants will need to be qualified veterinary surgeons.

For information on international equivalent qualifications, please see our [International Office website](#).

#### English language requirements for non-native English speakers

For applicants whose first language is not English, and whose full undergraduate degree was not taught in an English-speaking country, it is necessary to hold/achieve a minimum score in an approved English language test as specified in Profile A of the [University's English Language Requirements Policy](#).

Applicants do not need to have reached the required level of English language before applying. If necessary, English language will be included as a condition of offer.

Applicants have the option to undertake one of the University's Pre-sessional English courses. You can find information about the University of Bristol's Pre-Sessional English courses at the [Centre for English Language and Foundation Studies website](#).

### Additional requirements

There are no additional requirements for this programme.

## Application process

### Online application form

Applicants should complete the online application form, uploading all [required documents](#) directly into the application form. Guidance on uploading documents can be found in the [How to Apply FAQs](#). Any paper documents received by post, or electronic documents received by email, will not be considered except in exceptional circumstances.

Applicants should make every effort to choose the correct programme in the application form by reading the prospectus entry and admissions statements fully. Applicants should [contact the relevant Admissions Team](#) if clarification is required.

### Documents required

The required documents for this programme are listed below. Applications may not be considered until all required documents have been uploaded to the application form.

Applicants who have already submitted an application can upload additional documents into the 'Post-submission uploads' section of the application form. Information about how to upload documents to an application form can be found in our [How to Apply FAQs](#).

### Required documents for this programme are:

- **Two references (minimum):** 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. Where possible at least one referee should be familiar with the applicant's academic work. 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. References supplied with a personal contact email address will not be accepted unless under exceptional circumstances, which must be explained within the reference. All references must be dated within the last two years.

You should submit two references; one reference should be from your current place of work, the other may be an additional professional or academic reference. Please ensure that where possible each reference adheres to the following points (this information should be given to your referees):

1. Full name of applicant
2. Other relevant information (eg the length of time you have known the applicant and in what capacity)
3. Clinical skills and aptitude
4. Teamwork and interpersonal/communication skills
5. Initiative and ability to work independently
6. Receptiveness towards guidance
7. Intellectual qualities (eg critical thinking, problem solving ability, present performance, future potential)
8. Interests and future plans

9. Suitability of chosen programme
  10. Your signature (if possible. If this is not possible, please ensure the letter of recommendation is sent directly from your email address)
  11. Your title, name and position
- **Degree certificate(s)** from first and subsequent degrees. We require a Certified Copy of original documents and certified translations of documents issued in any language other than English.
  - **Academic transcripts** from first and subsequent degrees. We require colour scans of original documents and certified translations of documents issued in any language other than English. 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:** Personal statements should highlight the motivation for applying for the course, and any relevant experience and/or skills.
    1. Your personal statement should include:
    2. Why you want to undertake a residency training position
    3. Why you think that you are right candidate for the training position
    4. How you have prepared for your application
    5. How you will meet the demands of the training position
    6. What you would like to do following this training position
  - **Must be a member of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons, or eligible for membership.** If you have a membership number please include this with your application.
  - **English language certificates** are required from applicants for whom English is not the native language and whose full undergraduate degree was not taught in an English-speaking country (please see the [English Language Requirements](#) for a list of English-speaking countries)
  - **Curriculum Vitae (CV):** CVs might include details of other relevant work experience and qualifications to support an application. Please do not include any school (pre-university) certificates, unless otherwise specified above.
  - **Copy of your passport**

**Optional documents for this programme are:**

- **Please provide an idea for a residency project**

### Correspondence with applicants

Applicants will normally receive communication via email to the email address used to set up the application form account. Applicants should ensure the profile email address is kept up-to-date.

## Selection process

### Assessment of applications

All applications are considered in accordance with the [University's policy on equality and diversity](#). The University of Bristol upholds the principles of equality and diversity, respect and dignity. Candidates are not discriminated against on the grounds of race, ethnicity, nationality, gender, sexuality, religion or belief, disability, health or age.

Once a complete application has been submitted with all required supporting documents, it is considered by a panel relevant to the application discipline who will short list for interview. Applicants will be interviewed by a panel relevant to their application in terms of the specialist subject they are applying for. The interview will primarily assess communication, problem solving, knowledge of the subject area, awareness of what a

residency position entails, ability to cope with the demands of the programme and ideas for research project(s).

In some subject areas, we receive a high volume of good quality applications for a small number of places. In these areas, we may need to select applications for offer of admission from a high quality pool using evaluation of programme subject specific criteria which include some or all of the following: the application, student grades, previous experience, subject specific experience, publications, presentations, internship(s), references and personal statement.

## Interviews

Shortlisted candidates will be interviewed.

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.

If required, interviewees based overseas will normally be interviewed by telephone or Skype.

## 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.

## Decisions

### Notification of 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, this will be stated in the offer letter.

### Offers

Offers made may be conditional or unconditional. An unconditional offer will be made to successful 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, successful applicants will receive a conditional offer outlining the requirements that must be met.

### Deferrals

Due to the nature of the programme, deferred entry is not permitted for applicants to this programme. If applicants are unable to start on the specified date then they are encouraged to re-submit their application for reconsideration for the next intake. A place cannot be guaranteed for the following years' intake as the application will be re-evaluated with the new batch of applications.

## 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 on the form will be treated confidentially, and will help us to fairly assess your academic performance in light of your circumstances.

### ATAS

An ATAS certificate is not required.

## Deposits

A deposit is not required for this programme.

## Visa

International students coming to the UK to study full-time must apply for a student visa. [Tier 4 student visa guidance notes](#) are available on the University website.

## 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. Sponsored students will also need to complete and upload the [sponsorship authorisation form](#).

