

## Postgraduate Admissions Statement

# MSc Oral Medicine

### Programmes Covered

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

MSc Oral Medicine

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](#).

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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 are required to hold/achieve a minimum of a Bachelor of Dental Surgery or equivalent. Applicants should provide evidence of recent clinical activity within dentistry.

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 B 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

The UHBristol NHS Trust and North Bristol Trust require that all those who are granted access to patients must have evidence of immunisation against infectious diseases and Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) clearance prior to commencing the clinical sessions within the Trust premises. Students on this programme will require an honorary contract with the Trust.

Applicants are required to provide evidence that they have all necessary immunisations as required by the NHS Trust. A full list of immunisations required and acceptable evidence is provided below.

Evidence of immunisations must be submitted by **31<sup>st</sup> August 2018**

<b>MMR</b>	Either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evidence of 2 x MMR vaccinations or,</li> <li>• Evidence of Immunity to Measles, Mumps and Rubella</li> </ul>
<b>Hep B</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 x Hep B vaccines and</li> <li>• Blood results showing Immunity</li> <li>• 5 year booster (may be required- due 5 years after immunity)</li> </ul>
<b>Chicken Pox</b>	Either <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Verbal history of disease or</li> <li>• Blood test showing immunity or</li> <li>• Evidence of Chickenpox vaccination within last 10 years</li> </ul>
<b>TB</b>	Either <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BCG Scar or</li> <li>• Proof of vaccination</li> </ul> <p>If coming from a country outside of the UK a blood test will be required (each case to be assessed by Occupational Health on individual basis- can only be done once been in the UK for 6 weeks)</p>
<b>EPP</b>	Exposure Prone Procedure bloods (IVS) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hep B</li> <li>• Hep C</li> <li>• HIV</li> </ul> <p>These bloods must be done for all students and must be completed in the UK, with no period of working abroad having been completed after they were taken  <b>(Note these bloods take a minimum of a week to be processed, so must be done at least a week before individuals are due to commence EPP work)</b></p>

Applicants must also provide evidence of satisfactory DBS clearance prior to commencing the clinical sessions within the Trust premises.

International applicants will be required to provide a satisfactory Police check/Certificate of Good Conduct from their home country (with a certified translation into English if necessary). This requirement will be included in the conditions of any offer that is made, and will need to be satisfied before the applicant's place on the programme can be confirmed.

Basic computer skills and access to a PC with internet connection are required.

## 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 Version 1 last updated 28/09/2017

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):** Academic or Professional references, where at least one must be a professional reference from your most recent employer, 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.

Uploaded 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.

- **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:** The personal statement should provide an explanation of why you wish to study for the programme, your clinical experience to date that demonstrates a basis to successfully engage with the programme and how you feel the programme will benefit your development and future career
- **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 however evidence of postgraduate qualifications, is required.
- **Evidence of external funding, if appropriate**
- **Copy of your current passport. If you do not have a passport, please contact the Faculty Office.**

#### Optional documents for this programme are:

- **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.

### 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 the Programme Director and Graduate Director, with input from other contributing teaching staff.

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 the following criteria:

**Offers are made on the strength of relevant clinical experience, qualifications and relevant clinical practise that would underpin clear suitability to engage with patients safely and to complete the MSc successfully.**

A shortlist of applicants, based on the above criteria will be established.

### Interviews

Shortlisted applicants will be invited to interview, which will either be held in person or via Skype.

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.

## 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.

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

Deferrals are not permitted for this programme. Applicants are encouraged to re-submit their application for consideration in the following year.

## 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

International self-funded students are required to pay a deposit of £1000. You can pay this deposit online at <http://bris.ac.uk/online-payments/deposits> using a credit or debit card. Alternatively you can pay through our PaytoStudy account at [www.bristol.ac.uk/paytostudy](http://www.bristol.ac.uk/paytostudy). PaytoStudy is an international payment solution which offers competitive exchange rates. Where PaytoStudy has a local bank account, all wire fee charges will be eliminated and you will be able to pay in your local currency to a local bank account.

The deposit is non-transferable and non-refundable except under the circumstances outlined in the International Deposits Refund Policy which is available at <http://www.bris.ac.uk/academicregistry/office/policies/idrp.html>. You may pay your deposit in advance of meeting the conditions of your offer. If you subsequently fail to meet the conditions attached to your offer and are therefore rejected from your course on academic grounds then a refund will be made to you. To make the payment you will need your student number which you will find in your offer letter.

## 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](#).

