

Postgraduate Admissions Statement

MSc Dental Implantology

Programmes covered

This Admissions Statement applies to the following programme(s):

Postgraduate Certificate, Postgraduate Diploma, MSc Dental Implantology

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 1 October 2018 and 30 September 2019.

Application deadline

Application deadlines can be found on the individual programme page within the [University course finder](#).

Admissions criteria

Academic requirements

Applicants must hold a Bachelor of Dental Surgery degree or equivalent United Kingdom General Dental Council registerable dental qualification.

For information on international equivalent qualifications, please refer to the [International Office website](#).

English language requirements for non-native English speakers

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

You 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.

There is an option to take one of the University's Pre-session English courses; details are available on the [Centre for English Language and Foundation Studies website](#).

Additional requirements

At least two years' demonstrable postgraduate clinical experience.

Application process

Online application form

Applicants should complete the online application form, uploading all required documents directly. Guidance on uploading documents can be found in the [guidance for online applications](#). Paper documents received by post, or electronic documents received by email, are only considered in exceptional circumstances.

Before applying, make sure you choose the right programme by reading the prospectus entry and Admissions Statement fully. If you need clarification, please [contact the relevant admissions team](#).

Applications may not be considered until all required documents have been uploaded. If you have already submitted an application, you can upload additional documents into the 'Post-submission uploads' section of the application form.

Documents required

Required documents for this programme are as follows:

- **Two academic 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.

If you graduated more than two years ago, or if professional experience is relevant to your application, a professional reference will be accepted in lieu of one academic reference. At least one referee should be familiar with your academic work. References must be written, signed and dated on official letter-headed paper from the referee's organisation, and must include full referee contact details, as shown in the [reference template](#). References supplied with a personal contact email address are only accepted in 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 colour scans 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 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.

Personal statements are assessed using the following criteria:

- Interest in and commitment to the subject
- Clear evidence of relevant reading or research into the subject area
- Attitude towards continuing professional development
- Evidence of ability to articulate views coherently
- Appropriateness of the chosen programme in relation to the candidate's declared interests and aspirations

- Non-academic achievement and/or experience, or extra-curricular interests, positions of responsibility, voluntary or paid work
- **English language certificates** from applicants [whose native language is not English](#), in accordance with the English requirement for the programme. Please provide a colour scan of the original document or certificate.
- **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 specified above.
- **General Dental Council certificate covering the start date of this course.**
- **Medico-legal indemnity insurance certificate.**

Correspondence with applicants

We will correspond with you via the email address used to set up your application form account. Please keep this address up-to-date.

Selection process

Assessment of applications

All applicants are considered on an equal basis in line with the [University's Equality and Diversity Policy](#).

Once a complete application has been submitted with all required supporting documents, it is considered by two members of staff using the following criteria:

- Strength of application form and supporting documentation, including references
- Academic achievement
- Interest in, motivation for, and commitment to, continuing professional development, particularly in relation to dental implantology, surgical dentistry and/or prosthodontics
- Postgraduate clinical experience, particularly in relation to dental implantology, surgical dentistry and/or prosthodontics
- Interest in and motivation for enhancing experience of dental implant treatment as outlined in the personal statement

Where an applicant has undertaken a transnational education partnership programme or top-up degree, meeting the minimum academic entry criteria will not automatically mean an applicant will receive an offer. For these applicants, admissions decisions will consider the academic history of the applicant alongside relevance of degree, and, if required, degree content, and performance in key modules.

Each applicant is considered both holistically on their own merit and in competition with the rest of the applicant cohort during the academic cycle.

Interviews

Applicants may be invited for interview to assess whether they have the necessary skills and capabilities to pursue their chosen programme, and whether the programme is appropriate to their interests and aspirations.

Interviewees based overseas are usually interviewed by telephone or Skype.

Interviews are normally conducted by two members of staff, at least one of whom is trained in fair and effective recruitment techniques. All interviews are undertaken in accordance with the [University's Equality and Diversity Policy](#).

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. Decision letters include any deadline by which applicants must accept an offer of admission.

Offers

Offers are typically made in line with the academic requirements set out above.

Offers may be conditional or unconditional. Unconditional offers are made to successful applicants who have met the admissions requirements. Successful applicants who have not yet fulfilled the academic or language requirements will receive a conditional offer outlining the outstanding requirements.

Unsuccessful applicants may be considered for an alternative programme in a related subject area. In such cases, applicants will receive an email with details of the alternative options. You may have to submit additional documentation in order to be considered for an alternative programme. Please check the relevant [admissions statement](#) for details.

Deferrals

Deferrals are only permitted in exceptional circumstances. Please [contact](#) the admissions team if you would like to defer your start date.

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 will be treated confidentially and will help us to assess your academic performance fairly in light of your circumstances.

Bench fee deposits

All students must pay a £500 deposit towards their bench fee within three weeks from the date of the offer letter. This enables us to secure a place in the training practice in preparation to begin the programme. Please pay the deposit via the [University of Bristol online shop](#).

Sponsored students

Students whose fees are being paid by an external organisation or sponsor (for example, a government department, company or charity) are not required to pay the bench fee deposit. Sponsored students should enclose a letter from their sponsor when making their application. The sponsoring organisation will be invoiced for the full fee, including the bench fee, once you have registered on the programme of study.