

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](#).

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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 be qualified veterinary surgeons.

For information on international equivalent qualifications, please refer to our [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 A 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-sessional English courses; details are available on the [Centre for English Language and Foundation Studies website](#).

Additional requirements

Applicants should usually have completed or be undertaking an internship prior to applying for the master's.

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. You should also include the following information:
 1. Why you want to undertake a residency training position
 2. Why you think that you are the right candidate for the training position
 3. How you have prepared for your application
 4. How you will meet the demands of the training position
- **Evidence of membership of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons, or confirmation of application for membership.** If you have a membership number, please include this with your application.
- **English language certificates** are required from applicants whose native language is not English and

whose full undergraduate degree was not taught in an [English-speaking country](#).

- **Curriculum vitae (CV).** CVs might include details of other relevant work experience and qualifications to support an application. Please ensure that you include information on any internship completed, but do not include any (pre-university) certificates, unless specified above.

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 reviewed by two members of staff with experience in the applicant's chosen specialist area.

In areas where we receive a large volume of high-quality applications for a small number of places, we shortlist for interview using some or all of the following subject-specific criteria:

- Strength of application
- Academic achievement
- Previous experience
- Subject-specific experience
- Publications
- Presentations
- Internship(s)
- References
- Personal statement

Applicants who have undertaken a transnational education partnership programme or top-up degree and meet the minimum academic entry criteria will not automatically receive an offer of admission. In these cases, we consider academic history alongside relevance of degree, and, if necessary, degree content and performance in key modules.

Applicants are considered holistically on their own merit and in competition with the rest of the applicant cohort during that academic cycle.

Interviews

We hold interviews for shortlisted candidates. Interviews are conducted by a panel staff members with expertise in the applicant's specialist subject area, and are used primarily to assess communication and problem-solving skills, knowledge of the subject area, awareness of what a residency position entails, ability to cope with the demands of the programme and ideas for a research project(s).

Interviewees based overseas are normally interviewed by telephone or Skype.

Non-standard applications

As this programme is for qualified veterinarians only, we do not accept applications from those with non-standard qualifications.

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.

Offers

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.

Deferrals

Deferred entry to this programme is only permitted in exceptional circumstances. Applicants who are unable to start on the specified date are encouraged to resubmit their application for reconsideration for the next intake. Places cannot be guaranteed for the following year's intake as applications will be re-evaluated with the new batch of submissions.

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.

ATAS

An ATAS certificate is not required for this programme.

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 must upload a copy of their sponsorship letter in the 'Post-submission uploads' section of the online application, and must also complete and upload the [sponsorship authorisation form](#).