Postgraduate Admissions Statement for

PhD Advanced Quantitative Methods

This Admissions Statement applies to applications submitted for entry to the programme between 1 October 2022 and 30 September 2023.

It should be read in association with the University Admissions Principles and Procedures for Postgraduate programmes, the relevant prospectus entry and general application guidance.

Admissions criteria

Academic and English language requirements	The academic and English language requirements for this programme are displayed on the Postgraduate Prospectus For information on international equivalent qualifications, please refer to our International Office website.
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.
Equality, Diversity and Inclusion	We welcome and encourage student applications from under-represented groups. We value and are committed to building a diverse research environment. The School of Geographical Sciences, like many other Schools and Departments across the University, is also committed to efforts to decolonise our curriculum and to transform our research and teaching as part of these efforts. We welcome applicants interested in supporting this work.

Application process

Online application form

Applicants should complete the online application form, uploading all required documents directly. Further information is available on our guidance for online applications page.

Applicants **must** ensure that agreed support from proposed academic supervisors within the School is secured **prior** to submitting the formal application. Applications without prior agreed supervisory support will not be considered.

Applications will not be considered until **all** required documents have been uploaded.

Required and optional documents

✓	**References**	We require two academic references. References should comply with our standard requirements outlined on our guidance pages.
✓	**Degree certificate(s) and academic transcripts**	From first and subsequent degrees. Degree certificates and transcripts should comply with our standard requirements outlined on our guidance pages.
✓	**Personal statement**	Personal statements should highlight the motivation for applying for the course, and any relevant experience and/or skills.

✓	**English language certificates/other evidence**	Evidence of meeting the English language profile as stated on the Postgraduate Prospectus and specified by the University English Language Requirements Policy
✓	**Curriculum Vitae (CV)**	CVs might include details of other relevant work experience and qualifications to support an application.
✓	**Research Statement:**	The primary requirement for the research statement is to define and situate your research within an academic/disciplinary context. You should remember that people in the academic community are the primary audience/readership for postgraduate research. This means that you will need to identify: 1.The research questions or problems that you intend to address; 2.The research context for your project/programme of work; 3.The methods you think you will use to pursue the key questions.

Selection process

Assessment of applications

All applicants are considered in line with the University's Admissions Principles and Procedures Policy
Once a complete application has been submitted with all required supporting documents, it is considered by at least two members of staff.

Interviews

Candidates may be invited to visit the School of Geographical Sciences to meet potential supervisors and/or attend an interview as part of the selection process. Interviews usually last approximately 30 minutes. The purpose of the interview is to assess whether the applicant 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. Interviewees are assessed on: their academic achievement; research potential; fit to the project and strengths of the school; the strength of their references; and, their interview performance.

Interviewees based overseas will normally be interviewed by telephone or video call.

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 or pay a deposit, this will be stated in the offer letter.

Offers

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

Offers made may be conditional or unconditional. An unconditional offer will be made to 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, 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

Deferred entry is available for this programme, subject to agreement by the relevant Admissions Team. Please contact geog-pgadmis@bristol.ac.uk to make a formal request.

Additional information

Extenuating circumstances

If your education has been significantly disrupted through health or personal challenges, disability or specific difficulties within your studies, or family or caring commitments, 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 considering your circumstances.

Academic Technology Approval Scheme (ATAS)

Applicants who will require a visa to study in the UK will also be required to gain clearance through the Academic Technology Approval Scheme (ATAS). The Academic Technology Approval Scheme is a clearance process which affects overseas applicants (outside the EEA and Switzerland) for certain postgraduate science, technology, medical and engineering studies in the UK. Applicants to affected programmes are required to obtain an ATAS certificate before applying for a visa.

Visa

International students coming to the UK to study full-time may need to apply for a student visa. Guidance is available on the University website.

Fees and Deposits

Fees

The annual tuition fee is available on the relevant prospectus entry for this programme.

Deposits

Deposits are not required for this programme.

Sponsored Students

Sponsored students will need to upload a copy of their sponsorship letter to the online application.