

Postgraduate Admissions Statement for PhD Interactive Artificial Intelligence



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	<p>The academic and English language requirements for this programme are displayed on the Postgraduate Prospectus</p> <p>For information on international equivalent qualifications, please refer to the International Office website.</p>
Non-standard applications	<p>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.</p> <p>Non-standard applications will be considered by the Admissions Tutor(s) for the programme on a case-by-case basis.</p>

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](#).

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

Required and optional documents

✓	References	<p>We require two academic references. References should comply with our standard requirements outlined on our guidance pages.</p>
✓	Degree certificate(s) and academic transcripts	<p>From first and subsequent degrees. Degree certificates and transcripts should comply with our standard requirements outlined on our guidance pages.</p>
✓	Personal statement	<p>Lengthwise, a personal statement should be at least one side of A4 and written in formal English. The statement will give your nominated supervisor an opportunity to find out more about you. You should think of it as an opportunity to tell about yourself and to highlight your strengths.</p> <p>Explain your reasons for wanting to study this topic. What motivates you to do this research? Mention how your interest developed, what you have done to pursue it or how you've drawn inspiration from your current studies. Or just demonstrate your enthusiasm for it.</p> <p>It should describe your academic interests and your purpose and objectives in undertaking graduate research.</p> <p>The following questions may help you plan your personal statement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why do you want to undertake this topic? • How does the research fit your skill set? • How do you stand out from the crowd - e.g., work experience? • What are you aspiring to be/do in your future career?

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How can your work contribute to the department/University/society?
✓	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
Optional Documents		
✓	Research Training Statement	Applicants are welcome to provide details of any relevant qualifications or training required to assist with their application.
✓	Curriculum Vitae (CV)	CVs might include details of other relevant work experience and qualifications to support an application.
✓	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.

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 using the following criteria:

- Academic achievement (50%);
- Performance at interview (20%);
- Programming skills and experience (20%);
- References (10%)

Interviews

Interviews will form part of the selection process. 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. If required, interviewees based overseas will normally be interviewed online. Interviews are conducted by two members of staff, at least one of whom is trained in fair and effective recruitment in accordance with the University's policy on equal opportunities.

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 online admissions system.

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 by the deadline noted in the offer.

Deferrals

This programme does not normally allow deferrals unless there are exceptional circumstances. Please contact iai-cdt-admissions@bristol.ac.uk if you would like to discuss the possibility of deferring your start date.

Due to the nature of postgraduate funding, however, applicants funded by the University of Bristol are not eligible for deferred entry. Any such applicants wishing to defer are encouraged to resubmit their application for consideration in the relevant year.

Results deadline

Applicants who receive a conditional offer will be required to submit all final results to meet their offer conditions by 15 August for September 2023 entry. Offer holders who will be unable to provide their final results by this date should email jai-cdt-admissions@bristol.ac.uk to notify the team as soon as possible.

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 considering your circumstances.

Academic Technology Approval Scheme (ATAS)

International students and researchers (apart from exempt nationalities) who are subject to UK immigration control will be required to apply for an Academic Technology Approval Scheme (ATAS) certificate to study this programme. For further details see www.gov.uk/guidance/academic-technology-approval-scheme.

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

Annual tuition fee is available on the relevant [prospectus entry](#) for this programme.

Funding

This Centre for Doctoral Training (CDT) programme has Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC) funds to support up to ten students per year. Studentships are open to both home and international students. The EPSRC has provided some, limited, flexibility regarding the eligibility requirements for international students. This is to ensure we are able to attract the best international students to train with leading research teams in the UK, to increase our global presence and influence.

To be classed as a home student for EPSRC funding, candidates must meet the following criteria:

- Be a UK National (meeting [residence requirements](#)), or
- Have settled status or,
- Have pre-settled status (meeting residency requirements) or,
- Have indefinite leave to remain or enter

If a candidate does not meet the criteria above, they would be classed as an International student.

The funding award will include tuition fees, stipend, research and travel expenses. Any applications received from self-funded or externally sponsored applicants will be considered.

Sponsored Students

International offer holders who will be fully funded by an external funder must provide evidence of funding. Visit [International fee Students Sponsorship confirmation when registering](#) web page for guidance. Any applications received from self-funded or externally sponsored applicants will be considered.

EU Offer holders who are successful in securing external funding sponsorship must provide evidence of funding following the guidance on the [Home fee students Sponsorship Confirmation Home/EU](#) web page.