

# Postgraduate Admissions Statement for



## PhD Physiology, Pharmacology and Neuroscience

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](#).

### 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

✓	<b>References</b>	We require two academic references. References should comply with our standard requirements outlined on <a href="#">our guidance pages</a> .
✓	<b>Degree certificate(s) and academic transcripts</b>	From first and subsequent degrees. Degree certificates and transcripts should comply with our standard requirements outlined on <a href="#">our guidance pages</a> .
✓	<b>Personal statement</b>	Personal statements should not exceed one A4 page, highlight the motivation for applying for the course or PhD/MSc by research project, and any relevant experience and/or skills. If appropriate, please also include any extenuating circumstances/leave of absence that may have impacted on your studies.
✓	<b>English language certificates/other evidence</b>	Evidence of meeting the English language profile as stated on the <a href="#">Postgraduate Prospectus</a> and specified by the <a href="#">University English Language Requirements Policy</a>
<b>Optional Documents</b>		
	<b>Curriculum Vitae (CV)</b>	CVs might include details of other relevant work experience and qualifications to support an application.
	<b>Research Training Statement</b>	Applicants are welcome to provide details of any relevant qualifications or training required to assist with their application.

**Additional references**

Applicants are welcome to upload additional references from work experience in a related field and/or industrial placements to support their 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
- English language proficiency (where applicable)
- Academic references
- personal statement
- Skills training and prior research experience
- Availability of appropriate supervision

**Interviews**

Interviews 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 or PhD/MSc by Research project, and whether the programme/project is appropriate to the applicant's interests and aspirations. Interviewees may be asked to make a short presentation on a piece of research they have conducted. This will form the basis of subsequent discussions. Interviewees based overseas are normally interviewed by appropriate teleconferencing app. All interviews are undertaken in accordance with the University's Equality and Diversity Policy.

**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.

**Deferrals**

Deferrals are not permitted for this programme. Applicants are encouraged to re-submit their application for consideration 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 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](http://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. [Tier 4 student visa guidance notes](#) are available on the University website.

## **Fees and Deposits**

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

### **Deposits**

Deposits are not required for this programme.

### **Sponsored Students**

Sponsored students are not required to pay the deposit but will need to upload a copy of their sponsorship letter to the online application.