University of BRISTOL

Postgraduate Admissions Statement for

Superconductivity (PhD)

This Admissions Statement applies to applications submitted for entry to the programmes between 18 September 2024 – 17 September 2025.

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 these programmes 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.

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 documents

References: Required
We require two academic references. References should comply with our standard requirements outlined on [our guidance pages](#).

Degree certificate(s) and academic transcripts: Required
From first and any subsequent degrees. Degree certificates and transcripts should comply with our standard requirements outlined on [our guidance pages](#).

Personal statement: Required
Your Personal Statement should outline and describe your motivation for applying for the course, and any relevant experience and/or skills.

English language proficiency
Evidence of meeting the English language profile as stated on the [Postgraduate programme finder](#). Details of acceptable evidence of English language proficiency can be found in the [University English Language Requirements Policy](#)

Curriculum Vitae (CV): Required

CVs should include all your recent academic qualifications (e.g., details of Bachelors and Masters degrees) and details of other relevant work experience and qualifications to support an application.

Research statement

Research Proposal: It is **not** required that you submit a research proposal, although you may feel that such a document demonstrates your interest in research and motivation for a research degree.

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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 usually considered by at least two members of staff using the following criteria:

- Academic achievement
- Academic references
- Personal statement
- Interview
- Availability of supervisors
- Sample of work (if applicable)
- Availability of funding

Interviews

Interviews are part of the selection process. Candidates will also have the opportunity to ask questions.

Interviews are used to assess whether the applicant has the necessary skills and capabilities to pursue their chosen postgraduate programme, and whether the programme is appropriate to their interests and aspirations.

Interviewees based overseas will normally be interviewed by ZOOM.

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 in the prospectus for entry for the programme.

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

Deferred entry is not allowed on this program. Applicants are encouraged to re-submit their application the following year.

Results deadline

Applicants who receive a conditional offer will be required to submit all final results to meet their offer conditions by 1 Sept 2025. Offer holders who are unable to provide their final results by this date should email the admissions 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)

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 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. For details Academic Technology Approval Scheme (ATAS) - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

Visa

International students coming to the UK to study full-time may need to apply for a Student Visa.

Fees and Deposits

Fees

Annual tuition fee information 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. Sponsored students are not required to pay the deposit.