

Application Guidelines

Studentship funding opportunities can be applied for from a variety of sources and application deadlines for these vary according to the studentship and funding body. Information on current funding opportunities can be found on the university website at: <http://www.epi.bris.ac.uk/postgrad/pg.htm#funding>. Most studentships commence in October of each year and our courses are timetabled to fit with this start date.

Please note that the University is not able to organise projects on behalf of applicants and you will need to develop your own ideas. You will then need to contact directly the staff who work in your area of study to discuss your ideas and to establish whether he/she would be able to supervise you for your postgraduate study. Further information on research staff in our Department can be accessed via the website (<http://www2.epi.bris.ac.uk/socmeddb/stafflist/ext/extstafflist.asp>) and this will help you with information about the department and potential supervisors. Contact details can be obtained from the website.

When you have arranged a supervisor and agreed a project, the next step is to submit an application and a thesis proposal to the postgraduate office of the University of Bristol. This is peer reviewed before a decision to interview is made.

Proof of funding is required before your application will be considered - please attach copies of documents or letters, which can be verified.

The Faculty requires that all overseas postgraduate students show a competence in English equal to a minimum score of 610 TOEFL (235 computer based test); 6.5. IELTS or Cambridge for English grade C - although the University of Bristol prefers IELTS. With regard to language scores an overall average will not necessarily be acceptable if scores for individual units are too low.