

Entry Requirements for Research Degrees (PhD, MPhil, MRes)

What are the entrance requirements?

In order to be considered for entry to one of our research postgraduate programmes you would be expected to hold a relevant bachelor's or masters degree with honours (or such qualification deemed by the University to be equivalent) in most aspects of biological sciences, plant sciences, biochemistry, nutrition, physics, chemistry, environmental biology, agricultural and food sciences. Transfers from MPhil to a PhD degree are possible provided certain criteria are fulfilled.

What level of English is required?

Applicants whose native language is not English (and whose undergraduate degree was not taught in English) must fulfil one of the following English language requirements:

- IELTS 6.0 (no less than 5.5 in any element) except:
- MRes Applied Bioinformatics: IELTS 6.5 (no less than 6.0 in any element)
- MRes Dietetics: IELTS 6.5 (no less than 6.0 in any element)
- TOEFL iBT 87 (with no less than 20 in speaking and 19 in any other element) or
- Successful completion of the appropriately recommended English Language course at the Centre for English Language Education (CELE) at the University of Nottingham.
- Tests results must be less than two years old prior to admission

Further information on courses available at **CELE** and how to apply (email: cele-enquiries@nottingham.ac.uk).

Do I need to submit a research proposal?

Yes. [For advice, please view this link](#)