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### School of Biology

### University of St Andrews

# Application for admission to

# MSc in Marine Mammal Science

# (2024 Entry)

This form relates only to the **MSc in Marine Mammal Science** and its completion ***replaces*** the requirement for a ***cover letter and writing sample***. However, prospective students still need to complete the University's online form found in the University’s Postgraduate on-line application portal <https://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/study/apply/postgraduate/taught/>.

**Some of the answers are length-limited.** If this is so, the ***maximum number of characters*** (not words) will be shown in boldface immediately below the question.

Section 1: About you and your background

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| 1.1 Name |       |
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| 1.2 Current occupation |  |
| 1.3. Education pre-university List final school attended, dates, qualifications obtained, marks gained. |
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| 1.4. Undergraduate degreeList universities attended, dates, qualifications obtained, marks gained. In addition, please provide us with any available supporting documents (e.g. course list, grade transcripts). |
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| 1.5. Postgraduate degree (if any)List universities attended, dates, qualifications obtained, marks gained. In addition, please provide us with any available supporting documents. |
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Section 2: About your skills and experience

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| 2.1 Do you have previous research experience?Briefly list any projects you have participated in, your supervising scientist and the main skills you have acquired. |
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| 2.2 What are your numeracy skills? Briefly list your qualifications and experience with mathematics and statistics. |
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| 2.3 What are your IT skills? List the software packages that you are fluent in. Highlight specific outputs in analysis and programming. |
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| 2.4 Briefly outline your past science-related employment history (if any). List employers, years and your role. |
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| 2.5 Have you participated in a peer-reviewed publication? If so, list the papers and state your contribution to them. |
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| 2.6 Have you presented your work in public? If so, list the talks and venues (e.g. talk title, conference theme, date and place) |
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| 2.7 Have you been involved in writing technical reports at professional level? If so, give relevant details here (e.g. report title, topic, intended audience) |
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| 2.8 Have you written or are you writing a research thesis as part of your past or current studies?If so, at what level? Briefly describe the work and your results. |
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Section 3: Your proficiency in the use of English

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| 3.1 Please detail your experience with using scientific English, e.g. during your undergraduate studies or in a professional context. |
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| 3.2 If you are not a native English speaker, what is your highest formal qualification in the English language (TOEFL, IELTS, Other), and what score did you attain? If you are still expecting test results, when will they be available? |
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Section 4: About you and your aspirations

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| 4.1 How would you describe your personality? |
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| 4.2 Why are you interested in a science career? |
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| 4.3 What questions in marine mammal science most interest you and why? |
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| 4.4 What do you see yourself doing immediately after the MSc? |
| (max **500 characters**)       |

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| 4.5 What do you see yourself doing in 10 years' time? |
| (max **200 characters**)       |

Section 5: About you and the course

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| 5.1 Why do you think this MSc specifically is a good course for you to take at this point in your career? |
| (max **1000 characters**)       |

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| 5.2 What will you be contributing to this course? |
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| 5.3 Do you have any particular ideas for your dissertation research project or, any preferences for a particular research area or supervisor?  |
| (max **500 characters**)       |