

## Travel Costs

As a student there are many opportunities for you to travel at a reduced rate or even secure funding for travel overseas.

### Bus Travel

#### UniRider

Stagecoach offer the UniRider student bus pass which allows you to travel around Manchester on Stagecoach and Magic Bus services at a much cheaper rate than a standard bus pass:

[www.stagecoachbus.com/3-manchester-unirider.aspx](http://www.stagecoachbus.com/3-manchester-unirider.aspx)

*Tip – its cheaper to buy online and for the full year – although you can buy one for each term from the Students' Union.*

#### System One Travel Card

A system one travel card offers a variety of options covering all bus services in Greater Manchester. Make sure that this is the cheapest option for your journey however!

[www.systemonetravel.co.uk/](http://www.systemonetravel.co.uk/)

### Coach Travel

#### Stagecoach

Stagecoach also offers a young person's travel card for coach travel across the UK:

<https://www.nationalexpress.com/en/offers/coachcards/young-person>

#### Megabus

Megabus offer a 10% discount on their travel with a valid TOTUM card. For more information, please visit:

<https://www.totum.com/se/student-discount/megabus>

Both coach companies offer fares from as little as £1 – just make sure you book in advance (Megabus tickets are released for destinations in waves, usually about a month and a half before travel date, so keep checking back for later tickets if they're not available on your chosen route yet).

### Rail Travel

The 16-25 Railcard can reduce a standard rail fare by up to a third: [www.16-25railcard.co.uk/](http://www.16-25railcard.co.uk/)

Mature Students can apply for the 16-25 Railcard if they meet the following criteria:

- *Studying a course at the University for over 15 hours a week, at least 20 weeks a year.*
- *Have the mature student section of the 16-25 Railcard application form completed by a member of staff at the Student Services Centre:*

[www.studentsupport.manchester.ac.uk/student-services/](http://www.studentsupport.manchester.ac.uk/student-services/)

Remember to take your Student ID card with you when purchasing the railcard!

The Money Saving Expert website is regularly updated with the latest cheap train and coach deals. For further information, please visit:

[www.moneysavingexpert.com/deals/cheap-coach-train-ticket-deals](http://www.moneysavingexpert.com/deals/cheap-coach-train-ticket-deals)

Tips:

*Book in advance!*

- *2 single tickets can be cheaper than a return ticket*
- *Compare different rail companies and their additional charges (booking fees, postage costs etc.)*

### Overseas Travel

The ISIC (International Student Identity Card) opens up a great deal of discounts for students travelling overseas:

[www.isic.org/](http://www.isic.org/)

Also, your student ID card is a valid form of ID to secure reduced entry prices for many museums etc. overseas – don't forget to take it with you!

Finding the best flights and accommodation can also sometimes be overwhelming however there are many comparison sites which can do the work for you. Among some of the most popular for flights are:

- Skyscanner – [www.skyscan.net](http://www.skyscan.net)
- Kayak – [www.kayak.co.uk](http://www.kayak.co.uk)
- Travel Supermarket – [www.travelsupermarket.com](http://www.travelsupermarket.com)

For accommodation (or combination of flights and accommodation), the top sites are:

- Expedia - [www.expedia.co.uk/](http://www.expedia.co.uk/)
- Opodo - [www.opodo.co.uk/](http://www.opodo.co.uk/)
- Travelocity - [www.travelocity.com/](http://www.travelocity.com/)
- Lastminute.com - [www.lastminute.com](http://www.lastminute.com)
- Ebookers - [www.ebookers.com](http://www.ebookers.com)
- Netflights - [www.netflights.com/](http://www.netflights.com/)
- Trivago - [www.trivago.co.uk](http://www.trivago.co.uk)

Also, for traditional holiday destinations, it can sometimes be cheaper to book a package holiday – you don't have to use the accommodation!

For further information please visit:

[www.moneysavingexpert.com/travel/cheap-flights](http://www.moneysavingexpert.com/travel/cheap-flights)

When overseas – don't forget to use a financially savvy way

of exchanging your currency or withdrawing it from a cashpoint. The Money Saving Expert website can show you how:

[www.moneysavingexpert.com/travel/cheap-travel-money](http://www.moneysavingexpert.com/travel/cheap-travel-money)

## **Travel Awards**

### *Schools*

Contact your School of study to see if they have any travel bursaries or grants available to help you.

### *University Travel Awards*

The University of Manchester offers 3 travel awards for students wishing to travel either as part of their course or during University vacations. Applications can usually be made between November and February/March (and cannot be accepted at any other time during the year). After this date, a panel will meet to determine awards and all applicants will be contacted via email with the outcome:

### **Zochonis Special Enterprise Fund**

*Awards from the Zochonis Special Enterprise Fund will be made to assist with the cost of a project or special study which demonstrates enterprise or originality of thought in planning and execution. Group applications are also accepted.*

### **H.E. David Scholarship**

*The purpose of the H.E. David Scholarship is to foster international understanding and goodwill by enabling students to travel and study in foreign countries. You can apply if you have graduated within the last three years, or if you are currently registered and have completed at least two years of study. Group applications are also accepted.*

### **Pawel Koprowski Award**

*The purpose of the Pawel Koprowski Award is to support your vacation activity. It may be used for a purpose which will enhance your studies or for a holiday as long as this does not include attendance on a course at another university. You can apply if you are currently registered as an undergraduate and have completed at least two years of study.*

You only need to apply to the one award you feel is most appropriate. The panel assessing applications will still consider you for others if they feel your travel plans better fit their criteria. Further information, including how to apply, can be found at:

[www.studentsupport.manchester.ac.uk/finances/funding-opportunities/all/travel-awards/](http://www.studentsupport.manchester.ac.uk/finances/funding-opportunities/all/travel-awards/)

### *Careers Service Work Experience Bursary*

The Careers Service Work Experience Bursary Scheme offers assistance to students looking for work experience that isn't part of their course, but who are finding it financially difficult

to take up the opportunity they really want. This can include overseas work experience. The fund is open from September to June each year (but may close sooner if funding has been exhausted). More information is available at:

<https://www.careers.manchester.ac.uk/findjobs/bursaries/>

### **Students on placement in the UK/overseas**

If you attend placements as a compulsory part of your course, please visit our Students going on Placement/Study Abroad information for further details:

[www.studentsupport.manchester.ac.uk/finances/a-z/placement/](http://www.studentsupport.manchester.ac.uk/finances/a-z/placement/)

### **Students going overseas as a part of their course**

Student Finance may be able to offer additional assistance in meeting the costs of studying overseas. Please visit our Students going on Placement/Study Abroad information for further details:

[www.studentsupport.manchester.ac.uk/finances/a-z/placement/](http://www.studentsupport.manchester.ac.uk/finances/a-z/placement/)

### **Want more travel money saving tips?**

Visit: <http://www.studentsupport.manchester.ac.uk/finances/financial-wellbeing/mypages/mytravel/>

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