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The Faculty of Humanities at a glance

The Faculty of Humanities has the largest student community in the University, equivalent in size to a medium-sized university – with an unrivalled teaching portfolio and a reputation for research excellence that makes a positive difference to society.
36 discipline areas

17,000 students

Annual income £237 million

around 1,350 academic staff and 650 professional support services staff

We have almost 2,000 staff

1. Alliance Manchester Business School
2. Arts, Languages and Cultures
3. Environment, Education and Development
4. Law
5. Social Sciences

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We are one of the largest communities of scholars, professional support staff and students committed to the understanding of the humanities in the world. In many areas of activity we are leading or among the best, and we are determined to be even better across the range of our research, teaching and social responsibility. Our students are at the heart of this Faculty and we will seize every opportunity to enhance the opportunities for them.

Professor Keith Brown
Vice-President and Dean
Faculty of Humanities
The University of Manchester will be a world-leading university recognised globally for the excellence of its research, outstanding learning and student experience and its social, economic and cultural impact.

Our vision reflects that of the University:

- Outstanding learning and student experience
- Social responsibility
- World-class research
The quality of our teaching and the impact of our research are the cornerstones of our success.

As a Faculty, we feature highly in national and international university rankings.

Our research impact and success, our excellence in teaching, and our commitment to social responsibility and engagement all contribute to this.

**QS World Rankings by subject 2017**

- **Architecture (2nd in UK)**: 6th
- **Development Studies (6th in the UK)**: 9th
Times Higher Education World Rankings

26th
Business and Economics (5th in the UK)

28th
Law (6th in the UK)

34th
Social Science (6th in the UK)

50th
Arts and Humanities (10th in the UK)

The UK Complete University Guide 2017

2nd
American Studies

4th
Music

5th
East and South Asian Studies

6th
Anthropology
Academic pedigree

We are the largest and most diverse group of humanities researchers and teachers within one faculty in Europe. A number of staff are Fellows of the British Academy or the Academy of Social Sciences. We have the highest calibre academics across our wide range of disciplines and are home to many high-profile and award-winning colleagues.

Sir Cary Cooper CBE
Professor of Organisational Psychology, Cary is President of the Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development, and was knighted for his services to social science.

Jeanette Winterson OBE
Professor of Creative Writing, Jeanette is a multi-award-winning writer and was awarded an OBE for services to literature.
Sir Mark Elder
Honorary Professor in the School of Arts, Languages and Cultures, Director of the Hallé Orchestra and was knighted for services to music.

Rachel Griffith CBE
Professor of Economics and Fellow of the British Academy and Academy of Social Sciences, Rachel was awarded a CBE for services to economic policy.

Yaron Matras
Professor of Linguistics, Yaron was awarded a highly prestigious British Academy Wolfson Research Professorship.

Michael Wood
renowned TV historian and broadcaster, and Professor of Public History, Michael was awarded a British Academy President’s Medal Award for service to humanities and social sciences.
Making a difference

All of our work to make a positive contribution to society is organised under five strategic priorities for social responsibility.

Environmental sustainability
The impact we have through our research, students, processes and engagement can help lead the way to a truly sustainable world.

Responsible processes
Our processes and policies aim to balance efficiency with opportunities to create social, economic and environmental benefit, for example by enhancing our equality and diversity, engaging local communities in employment opportunities and considering sustainable and ethical procurement.

Engaging our communities
Connecting, sharing and involving the public with our knowledge, resources and cultural attractions creates benefit for the University and wider society, enabling us to make a difference locally, nationally and internationally.
Socially responsible graduates

Through our curriculum, including cross-disciplinary learning, and by providing opportunities for our students to engage in volunteering, leadership or outreach activities, we will equip our graduates to exercise ethical, social and environmental responsibility.

Research with impact

Our research will make a positive difference to society as we work to address the major challenges we face in the 21st century, particularly around local and global inequalities, and ultimately improve people’s lives.
Our research

Our research contributes to the world around us and positively affects all areas of society.

Our world-leading academics tackle global issues such as environmental sustainability, climate change, business innovation, social justice, poverty and conflict response and help bring solutions to some of the most pressing issues facing the world.

The remarkable breadth of our scholarly activity is demonstrated in the Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2014. Our Faculty made 20 submissions across 17 Units of Assessment (UoA).

Our research ambitions have been supported by more than £120 million of external funding since 2010. Projects include the British Election Study, the Centre on Dynamics of Ethnicity, Effective States and Inclusive Development, and the Collaboration for Leadership in Applied Health Research and Care. In addition, £3.9 million of funding has been secured for a four-year language research project, which aims to demonstrate the UK’s critical need for modern languages research and teaching.

www.humanities.manchester.ac.uk/research
were ranked in the top five for Grade Point Average (GPA) or research power: Sociology, Anthropology, Development Studies, Drama, Business and Management, Modern Languages and Linguistics, and Art History.

12 of our 20 submissions were ranked in the top ten nationally.

7 remaining were: History, Economics and Econometrics, Law, Politics and International Relations, and Education.

Overall research 78% judged to be world leading or internationally excellent.

33% research world leading (4*)

45% research internationally excellent (3*)
Impact of our research

Our research is making a positive difference to the social and economic well-being of our communities and wider society. For example:

- a year-long analysis for UK and EU governments on how spontaneous volunteers respond during floods resulted in the publication of International Organization for Standardization (ISO) guidelines. These guidelines identify management best practice to ensure the personal safety of volunteers and allow emergency services to increase the effectiveness of their own response. They are available to all ISO member states and local authorities via the UK Cabinet Office;

- the Effective States and Inclusive Development Research Centre (ESID) is deepening the understanding of governance in the developing world in ways that impact on policies and practices so that people’s lives and livelihoods are improved. Its research has influenced both the new National Development Plan and the budget in Uganda. In Ghana and Bangladesh, it is collaborating with leading think tanks to help improve research capacity and hone research leadership skills. The total award of funding from the Department for International Development is £9.3 million over nine years;

- our award-winning Researching Age-Friendly Communities initiative trained older people to become ‘co-researchers’, conducting interviews in Manchester with older people likely to be experiencing problems associated with social isolation, poverty and poor health. The project led to direct
policy outcomes for Manchester City Council, with older people actively influencing solutions to many of the challenges experienced by their peers in the city;

• Business in the Community (BiTC) and the Trades Union Congress (TUC) have used evidence from our Centre on Dynamics of Ethnicity (CoDE) on experiences and consequences of racism at work to inform the activities of large and small businesses, and trade unions, and to push for legislative change. CoDE has also played a central role in the Race Disparity Audit of public services that has been led by the Cabinet Office;

• our Devo Manc hub brings researchers together to observe developments in the Manchester devolution agenda from different disciplinary perspectives.
Global inequalities

The University of Manchester’s five research beacons are examples of excellence, tackling some of the biggest challenges facing the world.

The Faculty of Humanities is advancing understanding of the world in which we live to improve lives through the global inequalities research beacon. For almost two centuries, The University of Manchester has been leading the way in tackling global inequalities. From poverty to social justice, from living conditions to equality in the workplace, we seek to understand our world – and change it for the better.

Our Global Development Institute (GDI) is Europe’s largest dedicated development research and teaching institute with more than 50 academics and 70 PhD students. It is home to The Rory and Elizabeth Brooks Doctoral College - the world’s first doctoral college for international development.

www.manchester.ac.uk/research/beacons/global-inequalities
In 2017, we launched a Human Development Report for Greater Manchester to mirror the United Nations' annual global Human Development Report providing new indices for comparing Greater Manchester to a national benchmark.

Our Humanitarian and Conflict Response Institute (HCRI) works with UK agencies to deploy medical teams to some of the most significant global humanitarian crises of our times including the Ebola virus epidemic in Sierra Leone.

Specialist hubs of expertise include our Centre for Global Women’s Health, Centre on Dynamics of Ethnicity, and the Work and Equalities Institute. Our employment expertise has informed the European Commission, the European Parliament and the United Nations’ International Labour Office.
Postgraduate researchers

We offer world-class training, supervision and facilities to more than 1,000 postgraduate researchers. Our doctoral researchers pursue intellectually challenging projects within a stimulating and collegial environment, working alongside international research leaders. They are part of a diverse, interdisciplinary postgraduate community that reaches beyond the University.

Invest more than £6 million each year from internal and external sources in support of our postgraduate researchers

Provide more than 150 full studentships annually including through the University’s flagship President’s Doctoral Scholar Award

www.humanities.manchester.ac.uk/study/postgraduate-research
In the Faculty of Humanities we:

• collaborate with other universities and organisations outside the higher education sector, nationally and internationally, through the Arts and Humanities, and Economic and Social Research Council-funded doctoral training centres and partnerships, as well as research centres;

• provide our postgraduate researchers with opportunities to develop knowledge exchange and employability skills, including through placement schemes;

• provide excellent interdisciplinary training and researcher development opportunities through methods@manchester, artsmethods@manchester and our dedicated Researcher Development Team.
Teaching, learning and students

Through our innovative teaching methods and diverse learning environments, we deliver a consistently outstanding teaching and learning experience.

We offer:

- excellent facilities, including the John Rylands Library, the Martin Harris Centre for Music and Drama, the Granada Centre for Visual Anthropology, and the Alan Gilbert Learning Commons;
- a purpose-built moot court to support students in mooting activities – a vital part of any Law degree;
- innovative teaching methods, including the use of Twitter as an extension to the learning environment on a number of core courses for Macroeconomics, the use of a skills passport in Archaeology and opportunities to use the city and its cultural institutions as learning laboratories in programmes in the School of Arts, Languages and Cultures;
- a widening participation programme which is one of the strongest in the sector. We support potential applicants, irrespective of their background, to understand the benefits and opportunities of studying humanities subjects;
- Stellify – our package of extra and co-curricular activities, including the new Manchester Leadership Award, guiding students to develop the distinctive attributes of a Manchester graduate in their own unique way.

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Over 5,100 international students from over 128 countries across UG, PGT, PGR from such areas as China, Singapore, Hong Kong, India, the US and Nigeria.

Over 220 postgraduate taught programmes and undergraduate courses across 36 disciplines.

More than 7,300 volunteering hours have been donated by Humanities students through University projects during 2015/16.

Almost 2,000 professionals studying the Manchester Global MBA.

Opportunity for almost 500 students each year to study abroad. This includes students undertaking a language course, for whom the placement is a requirement, and those who opt to apply to study abroad from a wide range of other Humanities courses.

More than 17,000 students.
Graduate careers

The University of Manchester is one of the most targeted universities by the UK’s top graduate employers, second in The Graduate Market on 2017, High Flyers Research and third in the Destination of Leavers from Higher Education.

Students are encouraged to engage with the communities around them by working with local businesses, supporting charitable causes, participating in schemes, sports and groups, all of which enable them to meet new people and develop skills that are valuable both to employers and society.

Students benefit from:

• careers fairs to ensure they can engage with employers, both small and large, and investigate the options available to them including further study, and part-time, volunteering and travel opportunities;

• practice interview and team-work sessions with local and national employers providing a place for them to have a mock run-through ahead of having to go through these exercises for real;
• employment support to help them to find opportunities, such as part-time employment and internships to enhance their work experience and post-study career opportunities;
• career consultants, experts across all disciplines, who specialise in a wide range of employment sectors and provide advice and guidance through one-to-one meetings, workshops and employer-led events;
• alumni, who work with our graduates through workshops and informal discussion events, learning directly from professionals who also studied at Manchester.

Around 70% of graduate-level careers do not need a specific degree. Therefore, a key aspect of the Humanities Careers Team is to provide advice, support and guidance to help students overcome their fear of ‘not knowing what to do’ after their studies, by ensuring they have the skills to succeed in a wide range of careers.
Alumni

We are very proud of our alumni community, with more than 245,700 graduates of our degrees around the world. Many of our graduates hold positions of seniority in business, academia, politics, industry and the media. More than 170 alumni (and 49 staff) act as school governors.

Among our most notable alumni are:

- **Eamonn Boylan** (BA(Hons) English and American Literature 1982), Chief Executive of Greater Manchester Combined Authority
- **Vincent Chan** (MBA 1988), Senior Managing Director and Head of Asia at Samena Capital Hong Kong Limited and Founding CEO of Spring Capital
- **Dr Jane Cocking** (BA (Hons) History 1981, PhD Archaeology 1987), previously the Humanitarian Director for Oxfam, now an independent humanitarian consultant
- **Benedict Cumberbatch** CBE (BA (Hons) Drama 1999), award-winning actor
- **Keith Edelman** (BSc (T) (Hons), Management Sciences 1971), Chairman of Revolution Bars Group Plc.
- **Lord Norman Foster** (Cert Town Planning 1961, Dip Architecture 1961, Hon LLD 1993), Chairman of Foster & Partners and award-winning architect and designer
• **Piers Linney** (BA (Hons), Accounting and Law 1994), Chairman, Soulmatefood, former Co-CEO of Outsourcery and former ‘Dragon’ in TV series Dragons’ Den

• **Wai Ming Wong** (BSc (Hons), Management Sciences 1982), Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Lenovo Group Limited

• **Dame Maura McGowan** (LLB (Hons) 1979), Royal High Court Judge

• **Alison Nimmo CBE** (BA (Hons) Town and Country Planning 1985, BPI 1986), Chief Executive and Second Commissioner of the Crown Estate

• **Frances O’Grady** (BA (Hons) Politics and Modern History 1980, Hon DSocSci 2013), General Secretary of the Trades Union Congress (TUC)

• **Francesca Unsworth** (BA (Hons) Drama 1979), Director of BBC World Service Group and Deputy Director of News and Current Affairs

• **Orlando Von Einsiedel** (BSocSc (Hons) Social Anthropology 2002), Managing Director of Grain Media Ltd, Academy Award winner for his documentary The White Helmets in 2017.
Executive education

Alliance Manchester Business School delivers executive education to highly experienced professionals employed in the private and public sectors, to better equip them to tackle the challenges of working in their business environments. Its unique programmes inspire leaders, change cultures and transform organisations.

Over the last year, its executive education team delivered more than 30 programmes to over 2,000 delegates, from over 20 national and international organisations. These include the Agricultural Bank of China, China Development Bank, BAE Systems, Bentley Motors, Manchester Airports Group and the NHS.

Its suite of open programmes allows for a mix of sectors to interact. It includes The Manchester Leadership Development programme – a carefully designed course for ambitious business professionals looking to reflect on the way they work, and The Manchester Management Development programme – a five-day high energy general management training course for managers who need to be much more effective in their business thinking and capability. Tailored
Programmes are also delivered for those transitioning from careers in the military to the business world as well as summer schools for international young leaders and graduates.

Programmes are delivered in Manchester and also globally via our centres in Brazil, Dubai, Shanghai, Hong Kong and Singapore.

A new Executive Education Centre on our Manchester campus is set to open in 2018, which will include state-of-the art teaching and conferencing facilities. It will adjoin the new 4* Crowne Plaza and Staybridge Suites hotels, providing over 320 rooms and a preferential rate for University of Manchester students, delegates, staff and alumni.
External engagement

We create mutually beneficial partnerships with industry, public and third sector organisations, and our local communities. Through these partnerships, we develop innovative solutions to support their work and plan for future challenges. For example:

- the School of Law is working with local law firm Freshfields to develop future research and teaching into the application of digital technologies to legal services provision;
- Alliance Manchester Business School has developed the Continuous Improvement Programme with BT – a truly adaptable improvement programme that links both change and project management, applicable to any industry or sector;
- Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) is working with the Humanitarian and Conflict Response Institute (HCRI) and Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine to deliver an educational programme that will teach the leading humanitarians of tomorrow;
- Policy@Manchester supports more than 175 Humanities staff to use their research and teaching to influence public policy;
- our Inclusive Growth Analysis Unit, a partnership with the Joseph Rowntree Foundation, helps make poverty reduction central to economic growth and devolution in Greater Manchester;
- our Multilingual Manchester project promotes awareness of language diversity and studies the challenges and opportunities it brings.
Our students and staff work closely with the cultural institutions that are part of the University. We harness our knowledge, resources and visitor attractions to make a difference in our local communities and wider society. This includes:

From open days and public lectures to festivals and musical concerts, with more than 13,100 people attending Martin Harris Centre events over the academic year 2016/17.

Working with schools and colleges
almost 4,200 pupils from more than 120 schools have participated in an exciting programme of activities for prospective students and their influencers, particularly valuable where there is no tradition of higher education study.

Culture
We have a number of visitor attractions that are open to the public, including:

- Jodrell Bank Discovery Centre
- The John Rylands Library
- Manchester Museum
- Martin Harris Centre for Music and Drama
- Whitworth Art Gallery
Campus investment

The University is currently undertaking a major capital investment programme to create a world-class campus for students, staff and visitors. This involves creating buildings and public spaces that encourage ground-breaking research, interdisciplinary work and an outstanding student experience.

For Humanities, this means:

- undertaking a major remodelling and refurbishment of the Samuel Alexander Building for the School of Arts, Languages and Cultures, which is now complete;
- redeveloping the Alliance Manchester Business School building to create state-of-the-art learning facilities, an Executive Education Centre, and a conference centre;
- redeveloping and extending the Students’ Union building, enhancing facilities for students;
- developing the largest green space on campus with the creation of Brunswick Park.
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With 36 discipline areas across five Schools, the Faculty offers an unrivalled teaching portfolio and a reputation for research excellence that makes a positive difference to society.