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**YOUR GUIDE TO  
POSTGRADUATE**

**TAUGHT  
STUDY**



If you're looking for information on  
postgraduate research study, please  
flip this booklet over.

# YOUR GUIDE TO POSTGRADUATE TAUGHT STUDY

Shaped by our esteemed research environment, Manchester's postgraduate taught courses help you gain specialist knowledge, develop new skills and further your career with an advanced qualification.

Discover the varied learning options open to you, as well as potential funding sources and tips on applying for courses at Manchester.

## TYPES OF TAUGHT RESEARCH PROGRAMMES

### Master's courses

- Usually 12 months full-time / 24 months part-time:\* more intensive, efficient and cost-effective than the two-year, full-time options offered in most other countries.
- Usually begin in September, the start of our academic year.
- Usually two semesters of lectures, seminars and assessed work, then four or five months' research, culminating in an independent dissertation or project. (The balance of taught and research elements, and methods of assessment, vary from course to course.)

- Options include: Master of Arts (MA), Master of Business Administration (MBA),\* Master of Education (MEd), Master of Science (MSc), Master of Law (LLM) and Master of Music (MusM).
- Our Master of Research (MRes) is slightly different, preparing you for doctoral research by including extensive research training and subject-specific advanced learning.

### Postgraduate diplomas (PGDip) and certificates (PGCert)

- Expand on your bachelor's degree and complement your professional experience with fresh insights, without submitting a dissertation.
- Usually six months for PGCert / nine months for PGDip.
- Many part-time options make the courses easier to fit in alongside your career.

\*Our MBA lasts 18 months full-time and up to five years part-time.

# APPLYING FOR A POSTGRADUATE TAUGHT DEGREE

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## Choose your course

Browse this prospectus for an overview of subject areas and visit our website for full details of all our courses:

[www.manchester.ac.uk/pgt](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/pgt)

[www.manchester.ac.uk/postgraduate-certificate-diploma](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/postgraduate-certificate-diploma)

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## Check our entry requirements

The qualifications, skills and qualities you need at Manchester vary depending on the course. See our website for full entry requirements:

[www.manchester.ac.uk/pgt-courses](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/pgt-courses)

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## Look for a closing date

Most of our taught courses don't have official closing dates for applications; we simply advise you to apply as soon as possible. However, there are exceptions. If a particular master's course has a closing date for applications, we'll state this on the individual course pages on our website.

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## Apply online\*\*

You must apply to your taught course via our online application form:

[www.manchester.ac.uk/pgt-apply](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/pgt-apply)

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## Research funding options

If you intend to apply for funding or the postgraduate loan (for UK/EU students), make sure you know the application closing dates for the relevant funding bodies. Most of them expect you to have a provisional offer from the University before you apply for their studentships, scholarships and awards, so apply to us as early as possible.

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## Join us

If your application is accepted, we'll warmly welcome you into our community at Manchester. Our postgraduate taught courses usually begin at the start of our academic year in September.

\*\*The exception is PGCE applications, which must be made via UCAS:  
[wwwucas.com/teacher-training](http://wwwucas.com/teacher-training)



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**MSc International Fashion Marketing**

My advice would be to study a language as it will help you make additional friends. Most people are inclined to socialise with others from their home country, so by learning a new language, you can step outside your comfort zone and share cultures. No matter where you're from, the University is a friendly place. I've made friends outside the University as well by doing a part-time job. I have to tell them that I'm not from Manchester as they assume that I am – that's how welcoming they are.