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# YOUR UNIVERSITY, YOUR PHD

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Progress into research at The University of Manchester

Learn within the Faculty of Biology, Medicine and Health at a world-leading university, and obtain first-hand experience of our cutting-edge research and entrepreneurial spirit.

As a research student at Manchester, you will benefit from our Doctoral Academy, a supportive network of specialists who will help you with your application and guide you through your time with us.



## Be a researcher

Achieve your full potential. Choose from over 70 postgraduate research programmes.



## Be experienced

Learn from world-leading experts to become a specialist in your field.



## Be at the heart of innovation

Be part of ground-breaking research and see how it informs the innovations of tomorrow.



## Be competitive

Gain a PhD from a university that is recognised worldwide for its excellence.



## Be supported

Develop research skills under the supervision of experts and the guidance of an adviser.



Search for your postgraduate programme:  
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# WHY MANCHESTER?

International students play a huge part at The University of Manchester – our international student population hails from 160 countries and make up a third of our students.

The welcoming, accessible and multicultural environment that is the city of Manchester provides the ideal base for your time studying in the UK.

Choose Manchester and you'll put yourself ahead of the competition when the time comes to begin your career. We have an award-winning careers service and courses built with your employability in mind.

We're part of the prestigious Russell Group of universities and our research and teaching quality is recognised across the globe, but our support for international students is just as important to us. We'll help you at all stages, from before you apply to when you arrive – and you'll be supported at all times while you're here.



## The Faculty

Your programme will be delivered by the Faculty of Biology, Medicine and Health. Our Faculty integrates discovery biology, clinical application and patient care, which allows us the opportunity to have a significant impact on people's lives.

Our discoveries and pioneering treatments have been – and continue to be – world-leading and make a life-changing difference every day. We have pioneered new scientific approaches and treatments over the years, with many key advances taking place at the University, playing a key role in the development of both the University and the city over the years.

You will have the opportunity to undertake your project with a world-leading researcher. We'll give you an experience that will prepare you for a lifetime of achievement.

## THE FACTS



Manchester has been voted the top UK city to live in based on the 2019 The Economist's Global Liveability Index, so it is no wonder a quarter of our graduates choose to begin their careers in the city. The city has also been voted one of the ten friendliest cities in the world by Rough Guides (2019) readers.

**27<sup>th</sup>**

in the world.

(QS World University Rankings 2020)

We're in the  
**TOP TEN**

most innovative  
universities across Europe.

(The Reuters Top 100: Europe's  
Most Innovative Universities 2018)

**Over**  
**1,200**

postgraduate  
researchers in the  
Faculty of Biology  
Medicine and Health.

**Over**  
**250**

international  
postgraduate researchers  
from 160 countries  
(within the Faculty).



**25 Nobel  
Prize winners**

including pioneers from our Faculty, A.V. Hill and Sir John Sulston. Join a community of global innovators and pioneers whose achievements have helped shape the modern world.

**8<sup>th</sup>**

in the world for  
Nursing.

(QS World University  
Rankings 2020)

**3<sup>rd</sup>**

worldwide for  
university impact.

(Times Higher Education World  
University Rankings 2019)

**10<sup>th</sup>**

in the world for  
Pharmacy  
and Pharmacology.

(QS World University  
Rankings 2020)

**6<sup>th</sup>**

worldwide for promoting  
good health and  
well-being for people.

(Times Higher Education World  
University Rankings 2019)

**34<sup>th</sup>**

in the world  
for Medicine.

(QS World University  
Rankings 2020)

**21<sup>st</sup>**

in the world for  
Dentistry.

(QS World University  
Rankings 2020)

**41<sup>st</sup>**

in the world  
for graduate  
employability.

(QS Graduate Employability  
Rankings 2020)

# DOCTORAL ACADEMY

Within the Doctoral Academy, our goal is to create an environment that allows you to excel and reach your full potential as a postgraduate researcher.

Offering access to first-class facilities and strong links with regional health service providers, our postgraduate research degree programmes are designed to meet the diverse needs of all our researchers.

Research topics span all areas of biomedical research, from molecular biology to experimental medicine and from dental science to health services research.

Discover more:  
[uom.link/doc-acad](http://uom.link/doc-acad)

While our subject areas are broad, our postgraduate programmes have three principal aims:

- develop your research skills through the execution of a research project with support from your supervisory team, a Postgraduate Tutor and pastoral Advisor;
- enhance your education within your chosen field. Whether you are a graduate or have a clinical background, training is tailored to meet your specific needs;
- develop key transferable skills that you can take with you into your chosen career, whether it be in academia, industry, healthcare or beyond.



# NOTES FROM A GRADUATE

Who better to guide you on the journey that lies ahead than somebody who has studied here before?

**Fang Hua** obtained his PhD in Dental Public Health. The skills and knowledge he gained at Manchester have enabled him to excel in his role as Deputy Director of both the Centre for Evidence-based Stomatology and the Clinical Research Office at Wuhan University, China.

"I have a strong interest in evidence-based dentistry and dental research methodology, which led me to my PhD at Manchester. I chose Manchester because of its reputation and world ranking. I was also very grateful to receive the President's Doctoral Scholar Award, which was a great honour and opportunity.

During my PhD at Manchester, I carried out research under the supervision of world-class researchers in the field, was exposed to many new ideas and information, and received training in many essential skills such as academic writing and journal selection. These have all helped increase my research output, and led me to my current role and status.

Coming to Manchester was always going to be a culture shock, but you get lots of help and support from supervisors, colleagues and the accommodation team. This helped me settle into life in Manchester quite quickly, and I really enjoyed the student life there."

"To me, Manchester is not only a convenient city with all the shops and facilities that students may need, but also a quiet and peaceful place that is beneficial for studying and research."



## YOUR TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

At Manchester, you will benefit from opportunities to build your research and professional skills both in and outside the lab with our Doctoral Academy training programme.

### You will:

- gain the skills, competencies and subject-specific training necessary to complete your research degree;
- thrive and develop as an independent researcher and professional, and achieve your personal and career development goals;
- have opportunities to socialise, network and collaborate with other research students and postdoctoral researchers across the Faculty.

#### Find out more:

[uom.link/PGR-training](http://uom.link/PGR-training)

The emphasis is on training that adapts to your requirements as you progress through your research project. Courses range from short and online lessons to longer-term programmes, and are also supplemented by practical workshops, weekly drop-in clinics and group study sessions, so you can choose the level of support that is right for you.

You may also choose to undertake a 4-year PhD in biological, medical or health sciences with a built-in accredited teaching certificate. Find out more: [uom.link/4yr-phd](http://uom.link/4yr-phd)

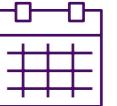


## INTRODUCTION TO BUSINESS ENGAGEMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP COURSE



**4 x 1-2 hour  
seminar sessions**

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**2 x half day  
group work sessions**

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As a postgraduate researcher, you can take part in our short course and gain the skills you need to pitch business ideas and generate commercial funding.

You will learn from our expert academics in topics including intellectual property and business engagement.

You will then apply this knowledge by working in groups with a mentor to deliver and pitch a business idea.

# SUPPORTING YOUR ARRIVAL

We know that having a person to contact directly about studying and living in Manchester can provide great reassurance.

As part of our buddies scheme, you can be linked with a current student from your home country (or nearby) once you receive an offer.

**Find out more:**  
[uom.link/PGR-buddies](http://uom.link/PGR-buddies)

# YOUR WELLBEING

We care about your health and wellbeing, and can help you access a number of services should you need support. If you worry about settling in, money and visas, or want to find out more about our faith-based network groups, visit: [uom.link/pgr-studentsupport](http://uom.link/pgr-studentsupport)



# POSTGRADUATE RESEARCHERS

30 seconds with Victor Faundes

**What is the best thing about studying here?**

It is wonderful to be in a multicultural city and meet people from all around the world. The collaborations among research groups are fluent, and world networking with other similar researchers is possible. Also, I have a family with little children and the city is very child-friendly - there's always something to do.

**Why did you choose your specific PhD?**

I wanted to acquire new knowledge of novel techniques and to perform transdisciplinary work. Indeed, the translational research is rich, as many clinical questions are solved even at the molecular level, which is what I expected from the PhD.

**Why did you choose to study at The University of Manchester?**

It is a top-class university with very well-renowned professors, especially in my field, human and clinical genetics.

**What attracted you to research?**

I am a clinician and it is usual to get questions when you see a patient, and I wanted to go further in terms of answering them. Therefore, it was obvious to me to do a PhD.

**What are your plans for the future?**

Thanks to my experience, I was granted a tenure-track at my university of origin in Chile, and now I want to apply all the knowledge to my clinical and research career.

**How did you find the experience of moving to Manchester?**

Simply wonderful in the broadest sense of the word, and I and my family will treasure it as one of the best moments in our lives.

# YOUR COMMUNITY

You will have the opportunity to get to know other postgraduate researchers in the Faculty through societies and groups.

The Doctoral Academy Graduate Society (DAGS) provides invaluable opportunities to develop professionally, as well as the opportunity to meet fellow postgraduate researchers at networking and social events. The society is led entirely by postgraduate researchers in the Faculty and organises both academic events, such as the annual PhD Conference, and social events, including the annual Welcome BBQ and Winter Ball.

A PGR Parents Group also meets once a month to support parents, parents-to-be and carers who are postgraduate researchers.

As a researcher at The University of Manchester, you will also have access to a number of dedicated spaces for postgraduate researchers, as well as all of our other learning facilities. These include social spaces, kitchens, small meeting rooms and PC clusters.



"Living in the lovely city of Manchester while working towards my PhD is ideal. My research has contributed to the field of drug safety and I have published the first study of my PhD. I am currently working on two other studies aiming to reveal critical factors that contribute to drug errors that could be harmful for patients. Manchester has provided me with the skills I need to build a future in research."

**Anwar Ali M Alghamdi (BPharmSc MMedRes), PhD Researcher from Saudi Arabia. Centre for Pharmacoepidemiology and Drug Safety Research, The University of Manchester.**





## YOUR ACCOMMODATION

Manchester won't just be the next stage in your education, it'll also be a home away from home, and a base from which to explore. Our University accommodation offers something for everyone: catered and self-catered, traditional and modern.

### Our accommodation guarantee

As an international student, you're guaranteed a place in a University-managed hall of residence for the duration of your course, provided that you fulfil the following conditions:



you're coming to  
Manchester alone;



you've firmly  
accepted a place  
at the University;



you submit your  
application for  
accommodation  
by 31 August.





## Halls and facilities

The range of halls and types of room we offer is extensive, from modern self-catering flats through to traditional college-style catered halls of residence. You are assured of your privacy, as all rooms are single occupancy.

Both single and mixed-sex accommodation is available, and there is the option of en-suite or shared bathroom facilities. We offer specially adapted rooms for students with disabilities. All rooms have an Internet connection.

Facilities vary between halls, but many have their own social areas, libraries, music rooms and sports facilities.



## Female-only accommodation

From September 2020 we will have one all-female hall. It will be known as Uttley House and it is situated on the Fallowfield campus.



## Students with families

Accommodation for couples is provided at Horniman House. We have a very limited supply of accommodation specifically for students with families, and demand exceeds supply, so this type of accommodation cannot be guaranteed. Email us at [accommodation@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:accommodation@manchester.ac.uk) and we'll try to help. You can also look at properties listed here: [uom.link/pgr-accommodation](http://uom.link/pgr-accommodation)



## Catered accommodation

Postgraduate researchers can apply to stay in Ashburne Hall or Woolton Hall (both catered halls in Fallowfield). If you choose to live at other halls in Victoria Park or Fallowfield, you may pay to eat in one of our catered halls on campus. Halal meals are available on request.

# YOUR CITY

From its industrial heritage to its thriving cultural scene, Manchester has something to inspire everyone. Welcoming and vibrant, it's been voted the UK's best city to live in. A title which it has held every year since The Economist's Global Liveability Index started in 2011. In fact, there's so much to explore, from culture and galleries to sports and music venues.

Here's our top pick of things going on.

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



\*Global Liveability Report 2015, 2016, 2017 – The Economist Intelligence Unit.



## Music

Music and arts venues ranging from small bars to a 21,000-occupancy arena.

Our own Student Union has three music venues.

The Bridgewater Hall is an international concert venue, home to the Hallé orchestra.



## Food and drink

Restaurants offering a host of world cuisines.

The second largest Chinatown in the UK.



## Sport

Two Premier League football teams, Manchester United and Manchester City.

National centres for cycling, basketball, squash and taekwondo.

Manchester Aquatics Centre – an Olympic-size pool near campus.

Chill Factore – indoor skiing and snowboarding.



## Everything else

Over 30 cinema screens in the city centre, ranging from IMAX to small independent arts cinemas.

Shop on the high street or at quirky independents and boutique stores.

Art galleries, museums, theatre and opera houses.

Just over an hour from the Lake District, Peak District and Snowdonia.



# POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH: HOW TO APPLY

Applying for a place on one of our postgraduate research programmes requires some advance preparation.

Applicants for standard MPhil or PhD programmes should ideally apply at least four months prior to the date of registration.

Search for a postgraduate research programme:  
[uom.link/pgr-search](http://uom.link/pgr-search)

## Entry requirements

For entry to the majority of our PhD programmes, we require a bachelor's (Honours) degree with a minimum Upper Second class (or the overseas equivalent) in a relevant subject area. Candidates applying with a Lower Second class bachelor's (Honours) degree may be considered if there is evidence of academic progress through master's study (taught master's at a minimum grade of Merit), or you may be considered for an MPhil instead.

If your previous degree was not taught in English you will need an overall IELTS score of 6.5 with a minimum of 5.5 in each component apart from the writing component which should be at least 6.0.

