

The University of Manchester Pre-departure Briefing



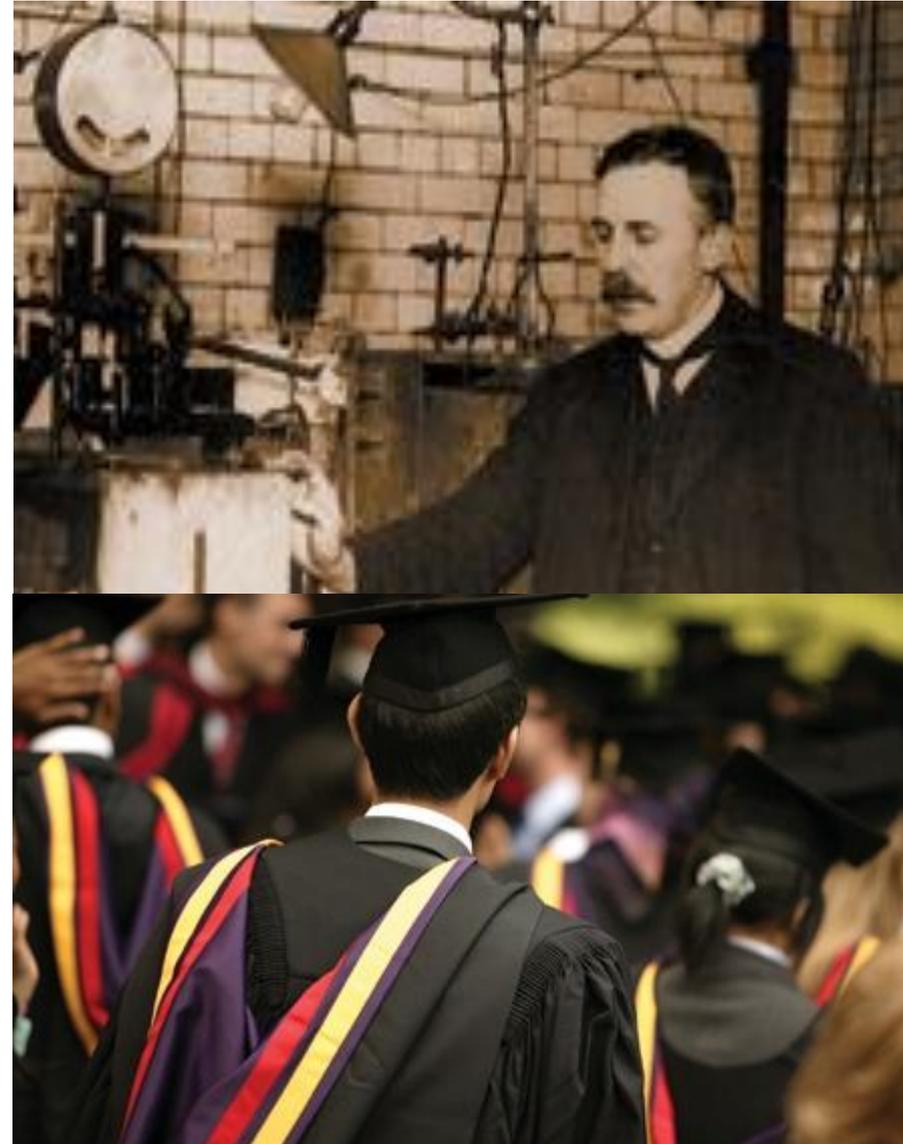
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China, June 2011

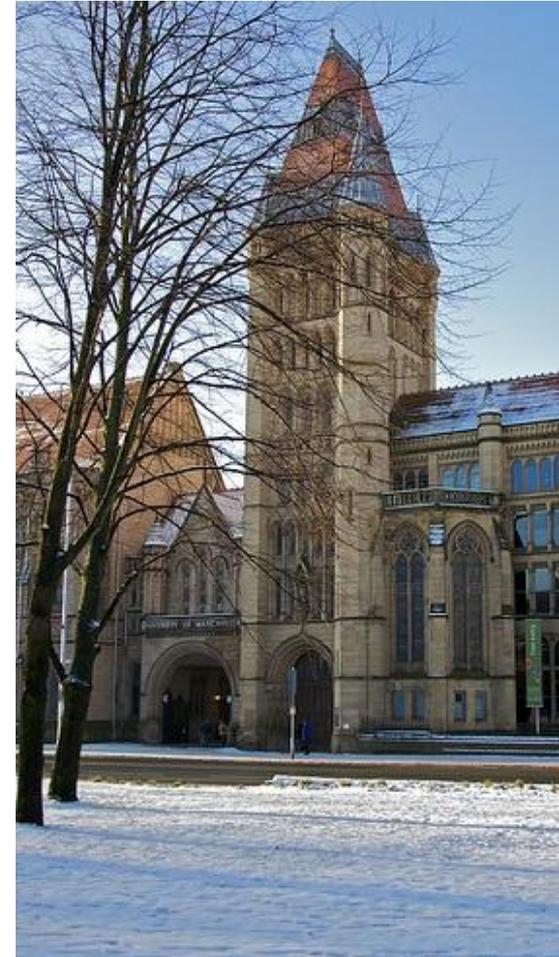
History of the University

- Industrial revolution
Manchester (1800 - 1850)
- University founded in 1824
- 185 years of research &
learning success
- Rutherford splitting the atom
- Manchester Baby - first
modern computer
- Merger in 2004
- Today highly important city
and Gateway to Europe



The University today...

- One of Britain's most famous and innovative universities
- Outstanding results in teaching & research
 - Third in 2008 RAE
- Wide range of subjects at all levels
- 25 Nobel Prize winners
- Queen's Award for Enterprise 2011
- Multi-cultural, friendly campus
- UK's third largest academic library
- UK's largest student union
- Over 180 nationalities on campus
- £650 million investment in facilities



Manchester and China

- Collaboration with reputable Chinese universities:
 - Tsinghua, Fudan, Nanjing Universities
- Sister city with Wuhan for 30 years
- Chinese society (CSSA)
- Chinese community (35,000) and China Town
- Chinese Embassy and Consulate (in Manchester)
- Confucius Institute
 - partnership between the University of Manchester, the Office of Chinese Language Council International (Hanban) and Beijing Normal University



Preparing to Come to Manchester

- Accept your offer
- Satisfy conditions of offer
- Book pre-sessional English if required
- Obtain visa
- Accommodation application
- Reserve your place on Orientation
- Book Airport Collection Service
- Remember to carry key documentation in your hand luggage, make arrangements for travel insurance, **vaccinations** etc
- Exchange tips/phone numbers with other offer-holders

English Language Pre-sessional Courses

Course Code	Course dates	Term Length	Total Cost
PS10b/11	Mon 04 July 2011 - Fri 09 September 2011	10 weeks	£2,300
PS5/11	Mon 08 August 2011 - Fri 09 September 2011	5 weeks	£1,150
PS3/11	Mon 22 August 2011 - Fri 09 September 2011	3 weeks	£690

For further information:

<http://www.ulc.manchester.ac.uk>

Airport Collection Service

- Tuesday 13th September – Sunday 18th September 2011, 08.00 – 21.30
- Details available in Arrival Guide – hard copy and on-line www.manchester.ac.uk/international/supportservices/travel/
- Service is primarily for unaccompanied students



Orientation

Thursday 15th – Sunday 18th September 2011

- Free programme for all new international students
- Intended to help orientate students new to the UK
- Activities: city bus tours, campus tours, discussion groups and social activities
- Presentations on Registration, Health, Safety, Support Services , Registration with National Health Service, English Language Support,



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Purple People September 2011

Purple People student helpers will be at the airport and around the University during the Orientation Programme to welcome you and answer all your questions.



Police Registration

- Must make an appointment to register with police within 7 days of arrival
- Appointments can be made at the International Society during Orientation and Welcome week
- If you arrive before 13th September or after 23rd September email GMP.IVRO@gmp.police.uk for an appointment or visit the police station



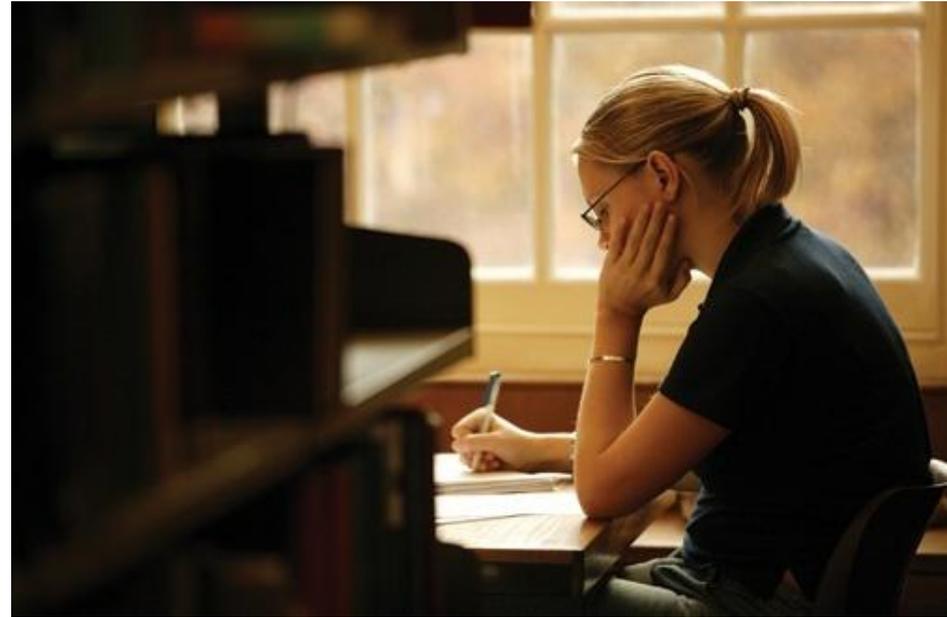
Vaccinations

Mumps, Meningitis, Hepatitis

- **Get these vaccinations done before you arrive if possible**
- Ask for a vaccination history booklet
- Need to register with GP once you are in the UK
- Available free on NHS, but not available from Student Occupational Health
- Sign up with a GP at Orientation

Support and Welfare

- Airport Collection Service and Orientation
- Additional support services available for all students including:
 - Confidential counselling
 - Advice for those experiencing financial problems
 - Immigration advice
 - Disability support
 - Personal Tutors
- **International Society** www.internationalsociety.org.uk
- Halls Wardens in accommodation



Study Styles

- Independent study - important element of your course
- Time-management is key.
- Emphasis is on your opinion
- Study involves lectures, project work in small groups and independent work
- Access to good facilities for independent study – online and library based
- Contact time and assessment methods will vary
- Personal academic tutor for guidance and support



Semester Dates 2011-12

- **Orientation**

15-18 September 2011

- **First semester**

19 September - 16 December, 2011

16 January - 29 January, 2012

- **Second semester**

30 January - 23 March, 2012

16 April - 8 June, 2012

- **Semester dates are based on Christmas and Easter. You must return to the UK for exams!**



Tier 4 Student Visas

- You can apply up to 3 months before your course starts
- 40 points required under PBS
- 30 points awarded for a valid CAS (Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies) from the University
- 10 points for having enough money to cover course fees and living costs
- Apply as early as possible

Tier 4 Student Visas

What documents do I need to send with my application?

- ☑ Your CAS number (Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies) from the University
- ☑ All documents, such as academic certificates, that are listed in the CAS
- ☑ An ATAS certificate, if this is required for your course (we will tell you whether you need an ATAS certificate when we send you your CAS number);
- ☑ Bank statements, letter of official financial sponsorship or confirmation of an official loan.

Tier 4 student Visas

Funds required outside London

- First Year of fees
- Living costs of £5,400
- Required money must be held in applicant's account for a 28-day period

Working while you are in the UK

During your stay, you will be allowed to:

- work part-time (up to 20 hours per week) during term-time;
- work full-time during vacations;
- do a work placement as part of your course

For more information and updates:

<http://ukinchina.fco.gov.uk/en/visiting-the-uk/visas>

<http://www.manchester.ac.uk/international/apply/pbs/>

ATAS - Academic Technology Approval Scheme

- ATAS clearance required for :
 - postgraduate research in science, engineering or technology disciplines
 - taught Masters in Materials Science, Materials Technology, Aerospace Engineering, Mechanical Engineering or Physics (including Nuclear Physics)
- See www.fco.org.uk/atas for further information
- If your course requires an ATAS certificate you must obtain this before you apply for your student visa.
- Apply as early as possible – processing times can be lengthy
- No application fee

University accommodation



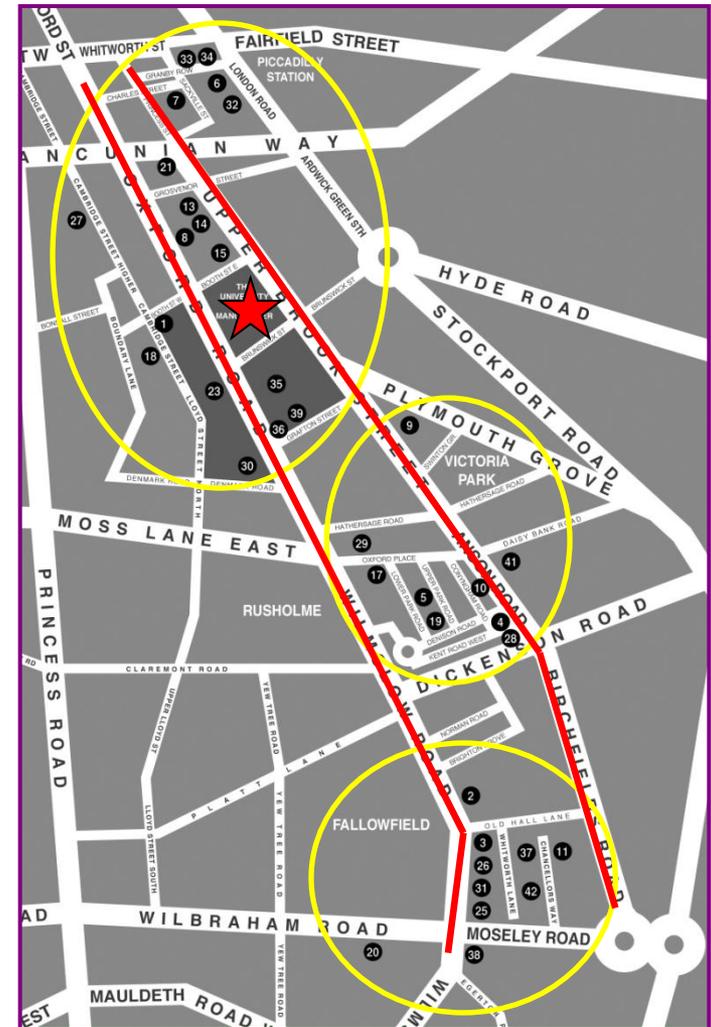
- International students guarantee
- 9,200 rooms
- Supportive environment
- 24-hour security

- Internet connection in all rooms
- Wide choice of halls
- Apply as soon as possible (Deadline 31 August 2011)
- £200 deposit
- www.manchester.ac.uk/accommodation



Location of Residences

- City Campus - 15 minutes walk between North and South
- Victoria Park Campus - 10 minutes walk from City campus
- Fallowfield Campus - 25 minutes walk to City Campus



Tuition Fees

- Standard fixed-fees for 2011/12:

Arts/ non-lab based:	£ 11, 700
Science & Engineering:	£ 14, 700
Standard clinical:	£ 26, 800

- NB There are some important exceptions to these bands
- Fees can be paid in advance, at registration or in three instalments by direct debit
- Fee level for your course appears on your offer letter

Fee payments

Pre-payment of fees before mid September:

- Email: tuitionfeeprepayments@manchester.ac.uk
- Contact with your full name, course, student ID number and the amount you want to pay
- Please allow up to 48 hours for a reply during busy times

Payment at registration:

- Over the telephone +44 161 275 5000 by credit/debit card.
- Credit card or Direct debit (requires a UK account)
- Cheque (drawn on a UK account)
- Bankers' draft (in Sterling)
- Payment online

Payment in Installments

- Students can pay in three equal installments by Direct Debit from a UK bank account

Living Costs in Manchester

Manchester is ranked as the third most cost effective Student City by the NatWest Student Survey 2010

Average living costs in 2010/11	UG – 40 weeks	PG – 52 weeks
Accommodation (average cost for self-catering halls)	£3,700	£4,675
Food	£1,450	£1,885
Books and stationary (depending on course, and if you buy new or second hand)	£360	£460
Clothes	£360	£460
Transport	£490	£640
Other expenses (e.g. entertainment, sport, photocopying, phone calls etc)	£1,340	£1,750
Total	£7,700	£9,870

Scholarships / Funding Opportunities

- **Funding CLOSED for this year**

- **Undergraduate**

Check School website as opportunities vary by school and course

- **Postgraduate**

Consult funding database

<http://www.manchester.ac.uk/postgraduate/funding/search/>



Careers and Employability

- Best Careers Service in the UK for 5 years (AGR)
- Careers Fairs
- Mentoring programmes
- Internship & volunteering opportunities
- Personalised career planning
- Extensive website
- Links with employers worldwide
- Unique skills development programmes - The Manchester Leadership Programme
- Accredited career development modules for undergraduates
- Manchester 5th most preferred University from which to recruit



Working during your studies

- Earn pocket money & gain valuable work experience
 - max. 20 hours per week in term time
- Varied part time work:
 - Administration
 - Cafes and restaurants
 - Conferences/exhibitions
 - IT/web design
 - Shops/retail
- New scheme - International Talent:
 - www.studentnet.manchester.ac.uk/careers/international/internationaltalent/



Be careful to balance work and study commitments!

Sports

- Host for the 2002 Commonwealth Games
- Old Trafford - Football, Cricket, Rugby
- In the top 10 of sporting universities and over 30 official sports clubs
- Top class facilities
 - Two indoor sports complexes
 - Outdoor pitches and fields
 - Manchester Aquatics Centre
 - Halls facilities
- Heavily subsidised by University



For Further Information

- **Manchester Calling.** You can receive a call from a current international student(or opt out by e-mail)
- **Arrival Guide** sent from May to all offer holders when offer accepted
- **For general queries:** offer@manchester.ac.uk
- **Visas** Refer to www.manchester.ac.uk/pbs for updates and queries or email iat@manchester.ac.uk
- Bookmark our website:
www.manchester.ac.uk/international
- Follow links to information on registration, orientation and airport collection service

A large, diverse group of students, mostly young adults, are gathered together, wearing blue long-sleeved shirts. They are all smiling and cheering enthusiastically, with many of their hands raised in the air. The background shows an outdoor setting, possibly a courtyard or plaza, with some buildings and trees visible. The overall atmosphere is one of excitement and celebration.

Any Questions?

E-mail: offer@manchester.ac.uk

Web: www.manchester.ac.uk