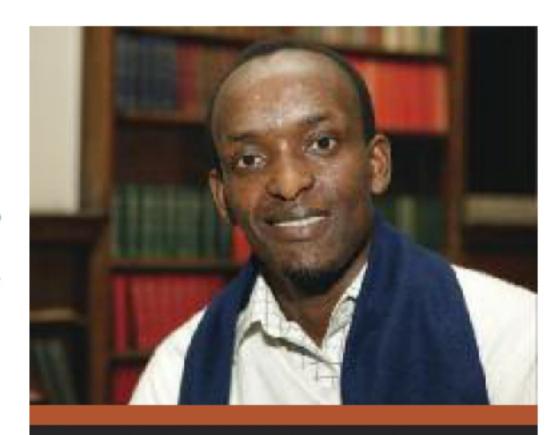
## First Alan Gilbert Memorial Scholar arrives

he first Alan Gilbert
Memorial Scholar,
Joseph Murenzi
(pictured), has arrived
at Manchester for a masters
degree in Engineering Project
Management.

The Alan Gilbert Memorial Scholarship was established to honour the memory of the University's former President and Vice-Chancellor, Professor Alan Gilbert, who personally led the development of the Equity and Merit Scholarship programme. This programme offers talented students from developing countries the chance to study for lifechanging Masters training programmes that are not available in their home nations. The Alan Gilbert Memorial Scholarship is awarded to the most outstanding student from Africa in each academic year.

Prior to coming to Manchester,
Joseph worked as a Civil
Engineer in charge of Public
Investment (infrastructure) in a
new unit in the Rwandan
Ministry of Finance and
Economic Planning. Upon
completing his studies and
returning to Rwanda, he will
rejoin the team and will be
working on a substantial
project to build a new
international airport.



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The University continues to welcome gifts large and small from those who wish to mark the life and achievements of Alan Gilbert towards the Alan Gilbert Memorial Fund, a permanent endowment which will see the continuation of an annual award to at least one African student per year.