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We are delighted that you are considering Manchester for your further study. By choosing to come here, you'll be opening yourself up to a wealth of experiences that combine to give you the Manchester advantage.

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# Welcome

A message from Professor Dame Nancy Rothwell,  
President and Vice-Chancellor

Firstly, congratulations on your offer to study here at The University of Manchester. Manchester is such a vibrant and inspiring place to study. You can immerse yourself in exciting opportunities and experiences both at the University and across the city.

## **World-class research**

As a student here you'll add to the dynamic research culture flourishing throughout our Schools and will benefit from international research leadership, under distinguished scholars. Whichever level of study you are pursuing, you will gain directly from our high-quality research environment.

## **Innovation in teaching**

You'll be taught by experts who are recognised internationally as being at the forefront of their subject – and who incorporate the latest research directly into our courses. We aim to produce graduates with intellectual and leadership qualities who will be attractive to prospective employers and contribute to society as a whole.

## **World-class facilities and resources**

We have an ongoing programme of investment to ensure that you have access to an excellent learning environment. Students across the University are already benefiting from new state-of-the-art laboratories, classrooms, workshops and online learning resource centres.

## **Your future**

We are recognised by the world's employers as being a top destination to recruit graduates. Our courses are career-orientated with input from industry and commerce, ensuring that you'll gain relevant skills for real-life situations. We consider all of our graduates as part of a life-long family and many maintain regular contact with us from across the world.

## **Make the most of the city**

Manchester's enduring energy and cosmopolitan creativity can be seen in its impressive array of festivals, thriving arts and culture scene, lively music and nightlife, multicultural cuisine and passion for sport.

## **An international community**

The University of Manchester has always been welcoming, with a large and diverse community. Staff and students of the highest calibre are attracted here to work in many subjects such as the arts, science, engineering, business and medicine.

With students from over 180 countries, our campus is a lively, cosmopolitan and welcoming community. We offer a range of support from when you arrive to while you are studying to preparing for your new career.

## **What's next**

I am confident that The University of Manchester is an excellent destination for your studies. Your decision to commence your studies at Manchester is an important one and it will help shape your future professional and personal life. The information you receive from us over the coming months will help you to make an informed choice but should you have any questions please contact the School you applied to study.

# Our history

**1824**

The Manchester Mechanics' Institution formed, later to become University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology (UMIST) (1966).

**1851**

Owens College opened, later integrating with the Royal School of Medicine and Surgery and the Chatham Street Medical School to form the Victoria University (1880), later the Victoria University of Manchester (1903).

**1889**

The Whitworth Art Gallery was founded by Sir Joseph Whitworth (1803–1887), becoming part of the University in 1958.

**1948**

The computing revolution started when a machine built by Tom Kilburn (1921–2001) and Sir Freddie Williams (1911–1977) executed the world's first stored program.

**1957**

Bernard Lovell (1913–2012) completed the world's largest steerable radio telescope at the University's Jodrell Bank site in Cheshire. It is still used to observe cosmic rays today.

**1972**

The John Rylands Library on Deansgate became part of the University. It was established in 1889 by the widow of Manchester entrepreneur and philanthropist John Rylands (1801–1888).

To study at The University of Manchester is to walk in the footsteps of many of the world's most influential thinkers. These great minds helped to create an ethos that has resonated through time and across the globe.

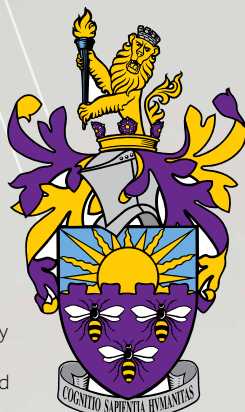
The University has its origins in the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology (UMIST) and the Victoria University of Manchester. With roots in technical and medical education, Manchester was the first and most eminent of the civic universities.

## The University's coat of arms

The bees signify the University's connection with the city of Manchester and the Latin inscription which appears at the base of the crest means 'Knowledge, Wisdom and Humanity'.

## Nobel laureates

With such a rich academic history we can lay claim to **25 Nobel laureates** among our current and former staff and students.



“Ability is sexless”

**Christabel Pankhurst** (1880–1958), suffragette and first woman to graduate from the University in Law.



**1902**

The Old Quad of the University was completed, including the John Owens Building (1873), the Beyer Building and Manchester Museum (1888), the Christie Building (1898) and the magnificent Whitworth Hall (1902).

**1904**

Catherine Chisholm (1878–1952) became the first woman to graduate in Medicine from Manchester Medical School.

**1908**

Ernest Rutherford (1871–1937), Professor of Physics at Manchester, won the Nobel Prize in Chemistry for his investigations into the disintegration of the elements and the chemistry of radioactive substances.

**1979**

Arthur Lewis (1915–1991) won the Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences. He was the first black professor at a British university when he joined Manchester.

**2004**

UMIST and the Victoria University of Manchester combined to form The University of Manchester, the largest single-site university in the UK.

**2010**

Kostya Novoselov and Andre Geim won the Nobel Prize in Physics for their work on isolation of the properties of graphene.



“We may hope that machines will eventually compete with men in all purely intellectual fields.”

**Alan Turing** (1912–1954), a pioneer of artificial intelligence. The world's first stored-program computer was developed at Manchester.



## INDUSTRIAL BIOTECHNOLOGY

Using biological resources such as plants, algae, fungi, marine life and micro-organisms, industrial biotechnology is revolutionising how we manufacture chemicals and materials, as well as providing a source of renewable energy.

Our Manchester Institute of Biotechnology is one of Europe's leading industry-interfaced institutes with world-leading capabilities in chemicals synthesis and manufacture. We partner with some of the world's most noted chemistry, biotechnology and biopharmaceutical companies – including GlaxoSmithKline, Shell, Unilever and Pfizer – to drive the creation of new, bio-based chemicals.

*"Team-based working is a real hallmark of Manchester's vision for pushing science forward. We're pushing very hard on the theme synthetic biology, which requires input from a range of scientists from the foundational sciences."*

**Professor Nigel Scrutton – Director, Manchester Institute of Biotechnology**

## ADDRESSING GLOBAL INEQUALITIES

Bringing together some of the best minds in applied medicine, business, law and social sciences, we're challenging inequalities head on, creating and sharing knowledge to end poverty and inequalities across the globe.

International governmental organisations, national governments, multinational corporations, global charities and non-governmental organisations partner with us to change the way they work.

With years of research in global development, healthcare, education, employment, and equality and diversity, we help to deliver real-world benefit.

*"The University's Brooks World Poverty Institute is trying to find the best answers to what is still the most pressing and largest human inequality: global poverty. It pulls together several strains of research into a coherent whole."*

**Dr Rory Brooks – Chair of the University's Global Leadership Board, and donor to the Brooks World Poverty Institute**

# Global challenges, Manchester solutions

Our research is helping to solve some of the world's most critical problems and to ensure a brighter future for society.



## ENERGY

Our expertise is enhancing the efficiency and viability of renewable energy sources.

We're helping the bridging fuel sectors to continue to meet demand. In the Dalton Nuclear Institute, we have the UK's most advanced academic nuclear research capability.

We help UK networks to deliver reliable and sustainable power. We're developing techniques to store energy so it's available should consumption exceed generation.

We're also finding out more about how today's urban society uses energy and how demand can be met.

*"At a time when there is a nuclear renaissance, The University of Manchester is able to build facilities and recruit new students, enabling it to reshape the research infrastructure for nuclear for the future."*

**Professor Andrew Sherry – Chief Science and Technology Officer, National Nuclear Laboratory**



## ADVANCED MATERIALS

We're finding new ways forward for the energy, fuel and aerospace industries, leading the world in developing materials for extreme environments. We're at the forefront of investigating materials to fully understand their properties and potential.

And then there's graphene. One-atom thick, this material is set to revolutionise our lives, from providing clean water for millions in developing communities to creating sustainable energy storage devices.

*"Research into graphene is developing very fast here. This is one of the largest universities to have collected a critical mass of people in different areas of science. These collectively push graphene research far and in many different directions."*

**Professor Sir Kostya Novoselov, Professor of Physics and Nobel laureate**



## CANCER

We're committed to the full spectrum of combatting cancer, from understanding the molecular and cellular basis of the disease to the development of novel drugs and therapy. We research and implement solutions to cancer's physical, emotional and economic impact.

Our partnerships with the NHS and leading charities make for an unrivalled beacon of research.

And our collaborations with companies like AstraZeneca and GlaxoSmithKline bring new drugs to the market more quickly.

*"The University is especially well placed, through its interactions with local hospitals and its partnerships, to create a multidisciplinary structure to attack the problem of cancer – from the diagnosis to the treatment to the follow-up – in the most efficient way."*

**Professor Sir Salvador Moncada – Director, Institute of Cancer Sciences**

### Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2014 and Academic Ranking of World Universities 2014

The University of Manchester is one of the UK's top research universities according to the Research Excellence Framework 2014. 83% of our research activity was judged to be 'world-leading' (4\*) or 'internationally excellent' (3\*), and we were ranked in fifth place in terms of research power.

The Academic Ranking of World Universities ranks us 38th in the world, seventh in Europe and fifth in the UK.

[www.manchester.ac.uk/research/ref-2014](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/research/ref-2014)

# Innovative teaching



The main lecture theatre in University Place

At Manchester we use innovative teaching methods and provide high-tech learning environments to make your study experience unique.

## Leading experts

We're committed to excellence in teaching and providing the very best learning environments for you. This means you'll learn from leading teachers and scholars who are acknowledged international experts in their respective fields. You'll develop skills and gain experience that will be fundamental to your future career.

## Teaching techniques

We're constantly developing our courses with advice from business and industry to ensure that they remain up to date and relevant to today's employers. We employ a wide variety of teaching techniques, from traditional laboratory-based work, lectures and seminars to eLearning.

“ Students in Manchester are very vocal and prepared to speak out, particularly in politics. Everyone has an opinion and is not afraid to share it. It was a learning curve for me. At home I used to be frightened of getting it wrong, but I've learned a lot from my peers. ”

Xia Shuen from Malaysia  
Studying for a BA in Politics,  
Philosophy and Economics

Find out more

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



# Profile

## Dorica Fungo from Tanzania

Studying for a MSc in Science and  
Construction Project Management

“ I came to Manchester on study leave from my job as an architect at a government research institution in Tanzania. One campus there is already built but the other is still taking off.

I've learned so many new skills already, like how to execute projects, how to manage contracts and how to deal with risks. When I go back I'll be able to apply them all to construction projects at the new campus where my employer really needs them.

The University here is very different from the one in Tanzania where I did my architecture degree. Most lectures there were delivered by PowerPoint and we weren't encouraged to use the library.

Here there are so many places to read and lecturers build your confidence and encourage you to develop your own thinking. They treat you as an equal, which has been a real highlight for me

I chose Manchester because of its great reputation and because it encourages students through scholarships. I love mingling with so many different nationalities – more than 20 on my course alone.

I'm also adjusting to the local dialect and the weather, though it still amazes me that you can have wind, rain and sun all within one hour! ”

### Advanced learning technologies

We provide a richer learning experience for students. Online learning tools complement our high-quality, face-to-face teaching through innovative and interactive exercises, simulations and problem-based activities. We're also creating technology-rich learning spaces across the campus, including access to the widest range of digital resources of any UK university.

### A research-led culture

We're committed to ensuring teaching is kept up to date with cutting-edge thinking and technologies through our dynamic research-led culture. We ensure courses reflect the needs of industry and business to ensure you acquire the skills and knowledge necessary to flourish within your chosen career.

### University College for Interdisciplinary Learning

As an undergraduate student, you are able to take optional units and mix with those from other disciplines to explore ideas from different perspectives. Units showcase the research and knowledge found at the University and encourage you to expand your educational horizons beyond the boundaries of your degree programme.

Find out more  
[www.manchester.ac.uk/college](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/college)

# A supportive environment

It is important to know that you won't be on your own and there is help and support available at every turn. We have specialist advisors on hand to give you advice and help you to make informed decisions about your studies and your future.



Laboratories in the AV Hill building

## Academic Advisors and Personal Tutors

Whether you're an undergraduate student looking to improve your study skills or a postgraduate seeking reassurance that you're on the right track, you'll find help is at hand.

Every undergraduate student is assigned an academic advisor who is there to give you advice about any academic issues throughout the duration of your course. As well as giving you academic advice, they are there to help you tackle practical issues that you may need support with, such as registration for course units, exam preparation and time management.

All postgraduate research students have a supervisory team which is made up of academic staff through a combination of supervisors, to help guide you through your doctoral programme and, an advisor/tutor who provides pastoral support.

Different academic Schools offer varying types of support to postgraduate students but each ensures that you'll get the help whenever you need it.

## Peer support for undergraduate students

Peer mentor schemes are support structures led by students, for students. The schemes aim to give you a sense of belonging and identity with the University and ultimately, to enhance your student experience.

Peer Assisted Study Sessions (PASS) provides undergraduates a facilitated, group learning opportunity that uses the experiences of higher year students to support the learning of lower year peers.

## My Learning Essentials

You can take advantage of the Library's skills programme, My Learning Essentials. Winner of the Innovative Blended Learning category in the Blackboard Catalyst Awards, My Learning Essentials offers you unlimited access to online resources, as well as academic, library and career drop-in sessions throughout the year.

Using My Learning Essentials will help you to develop the skills you'll need to successfully complete your degree programme, including how to research, reference and write in an academic style.



# Profile

## Iaroslav Kosov From Russia

Studying MChem in Medicine  
with Medicinal Chemistry

“ The Foundation Year provided me with invaluable study and life skills for my university career. It helped me adjust to the culture and overcome problems with my spoken and written English

I got access to e-learning material and was able to use the libraries the university students use. I discovered different lecture styles, how to take notes in a foreign language and how to write detailed essays. I learned about independent study

Being able to use university labs also meant I was familiar with the place when it came to doing my undergraduate degree. I'm more confident and less stressed than I would be as a result.

The staff were very friendly. They made me excited about my subject and after talking to them I had no doubt I wanted to pursue a career in science.

I chose INTO Manchester because it's of its size, its location and because it's part of the biggest student community in Europe. It's also in the heart of Britain and a great place for sightseeing - convenient for both London and Edinburgh.

The Foundation Year showed me exactly what it means to be a student here. I'd advise new students to take advantage of all it has to offer and learn how to work hard – and play hard. ”

### The Atrium

The Atrium, is a central hub for information and advice for all students. You can access information and advice about careers and volunteering, studying abroad, how best to manage money and lots more.

“ *If a student needs help with anything at all, then they can come and see me. On an academic level, students can come and talk about any academic problems. Every week a personal tutor will meet with their students. The focus changes in the tutorials. In the first weeks the focus is about getting to know each other. As you go through the year the tutorials become more academic. Tutorial groups typically comprise four or five students. In the UK we have a culture of interaction and questioning and, at times, disagreeing with lecturers. Our aim within the time the student is with us is for them to become someone who is really capable of independent thought.* ”

**Professor Ian Cotton**  
Tutor in the School of Electrical  
and Electronic Engineering

Find out more  
[www.manchester.ac.uk/learning-support](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/learning-support)

# English Language Support

**The University Language Centre** (ULC) at Manchester runs several summer pre-sessional courses. The courses are accredited by the British Council, through Accreditation UK, and by the British Association of Lecturers in English for Academic Purposes. The courses are designed to provide you with the level of English you need to meet the conditions of your offer. Some of our pre-sessional courses are tailored to areas such as law, science and technology, humanities and social sciences, and business and management.

Students attending pre-sessional courses in Manchester have found them an excellent way to prepare for their academic course. The pre-sessional courses also help you to acclimatise to spoken English in your new surroundings.

The ULC also offers a year-round English for University Study course for students who need to make larger improvements in their English language proficiency.

If you are interested in registering for a course or would like further information, please visit our website or contact the ULC.

Find out more  
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email [preessional@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:preessional@manchester.ac.uk)  
[www.ulc.manchester.ac.uk/english](http://www.ulc.manchester.ac.uk/english)



The Language Centre

## ULC pre-sessional English course details

Course code	Dates	Length	Fee
PS20	13 April – 04 September 2015	20 weeks	£5,600
PS10a	13 April – 19 June 2015	10 weeks	£2,800
PS10b	29 June – 04 September 2015	10 weeks	£2,800
PS5	03 August – 04 September 2015	5 weeks	£1,400
PS3	17 August – 04 September 2015	3 weeks	£840



### English language support during your studies

The ULC also offers you support to further improve your English skills during your academic courses. There are free 'in-session' classes for international students, which include workshops in academic writing, academic speaking and listening, pronunciation, and grammar. The ULC also gives you access to a wide variety of learning resources for developing your language skills.

## Profile

### Xin Cheng from China

Studying for a MSc in Organisational Psychology

“ Before I started my studies at Manchester, I took the ten-week pre-session academic English course. It helped me to improve my academic English, which was especially useful as it taught me how to write essays and do presentations. As my MSc program requires me to have good ability in academic writing and speaking, this course was really helpful. The participants on the course were all international students, and so it was a good chance for us to make friends here before beginning our studies. We felt like a family. The teachers not only taught us academic English, but also how to live a better life in the UK.

I would recommend this course because a good standard of academic English ability is vital for you to do well at university. I have to say, since starting my MSc, I've realised how important the pre-session course has been. The English we used to learn in China would only help us with our everyday communication – it wouldn't help with our academic English ability.”

# Inspiring study spaces

At Manchester you'll not only be able to make use of the huge resources of our University Library – you'll also have access to inspiring technologies, flexible study spaces and stunning cultural venues.

## Libraries

The University of Manchester Library is one of only five National Research Libraries and is one of the best-resourced academic libraries in the country.

It also offers self-service facilities, state-of-the-art group study areas, and Wi-Fi throughout.

## The Alan Gilbert Learning Commons

The state-of-the-art Alan Gilbert Learning Commons offers you a stimulating environment for study, combining inspiring decor with flexibility and the latest in learning technology.

Open all day and night during term-time, it's home to the most up-to-date IT facilities, a range of versatile learning spaces and a relaxing cafe area for breaks or meeting friends.

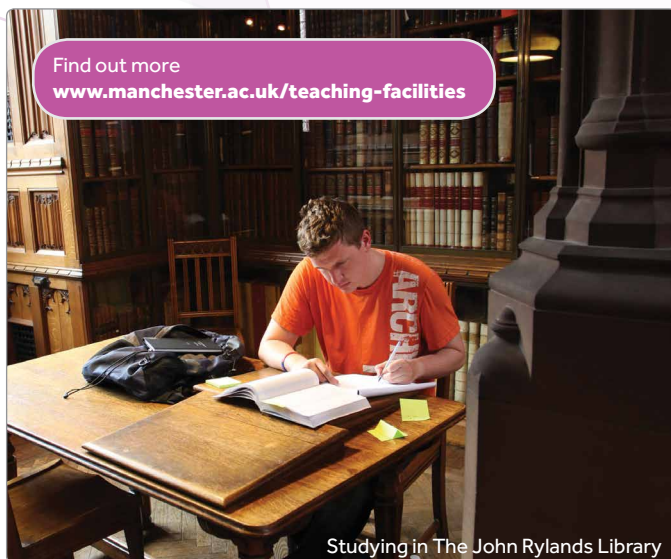
Manchester students helped to design the furniture, provided the artwork and defined the shape and use of the space by telling us exactly what they needed. The building is designed to the highest standards of sustainability.

## Culture on campus

The University's rich heritage means that you will have access to stunning historical buildings and a range of exceptional visitor attractions, right here on campus. Our cultural venues are not only great places to visit in your free time but they can also enhance your learning experience and support your studies.

Find out more

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



Studying in The John Rylands Library



# Profile

## Jennie Blake

Learning Development Officer for  
The University of Manchester Library

“ One of Manchester’s greatest assets is its size and flexibility and you’ll find every kind of teaching style here.

We have this image as a Russell Group University where there’s a massive lecture hall and a very small man at the front giving an in-depth lecture. In fact our students also have fantastic opportunities within tiny tutorials, getting involved in cutting-edge research and learning from their peers. I don’t think that’s available everywhere else.

A successful Manchester University student is one who takes advantage of all of that, one who’s aware, asking questions, always looking to see what else they might be doing. They attend lectures and labs but they are also keen to talk to other students and to academics who are at the very top of their field- some of whom have won Nobel Prizes.

We offer a lot of support along the way - within schools and faculties, but also more centrally. The library skills support programme runs face-to-face workshops and drop-ins to help with everything from academic writing and presentations to employability skills.

The new Alan Gilbert Learning Commons building where I’m based is just a joy. I feel so lucky to work here, not only because the wi-fi’s great and there’s a plug for everything but because this is where everyone, staff and students, all come with one common aim – to get a little bit better at something. ”

**The John Rylands Library** is a beautiful neo-gothic building and functional library which house some of the rarest manuscripts. You can take a tour, find a quiet corner to study or become a reader of the library and get access to their stunning collections.

**Jodrell Bank** is home to the Lovell telescope, an internationally renowned landmark in the world of astronomy. The discovery centre and surrounding gardens are an educational experience and the Lovell lectures are delivered by experts.

**The Manchester Museum** is the biggest university museum with 4.5 million objects. The collection includes dinosaurs, mummies and living animals. There is a calendar of lectures and events where students can see objects up close and ask the experts.

**Whitworth Art Gallery** is the University’s art gallery and re-opens in Spring 2015. There are around 50,000 works of art based in the collections. These include contemporary and historic collections, fine art, textiles and wallpapers.

**The Ahmed Iqbal Ullah Race Relations Resource Centre** is a specialised centre based in the Central Library of Manchester. There are over 15,000 race relation resources and staff are on hand to help and support your studies in this field. They also run popular events such as film screenings, book launches and lectures.

# Vibrant campus life

Our campus is dominated by grand Victorian and more modern buildings, but also has quiet corners, landscaped gardens, cafés and common rooms where you can relax and spend time with friends. Getting around the campus is easy and it's very close to the city centre.





Students' Union café



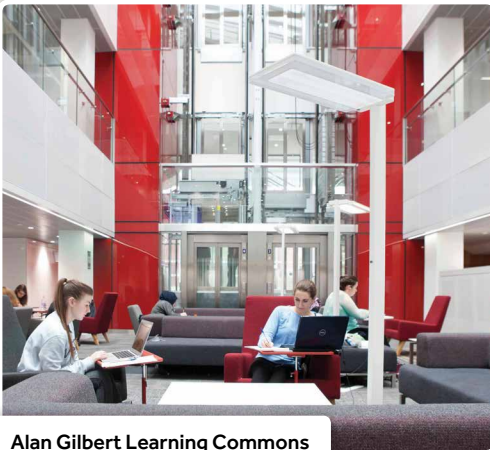
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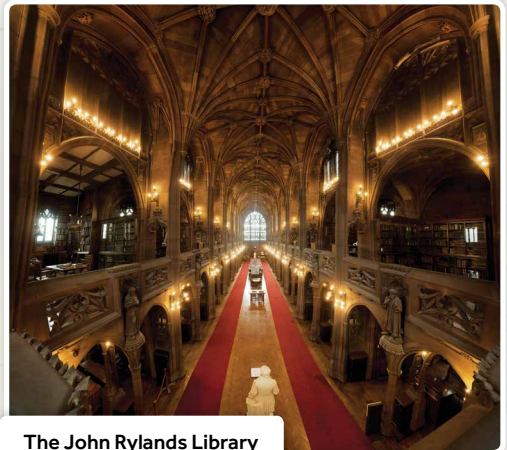
University Place



Samuel Alexander building



Alan Gilbert Learning Commons



The John Rylands Library

# Enhancing your studies

## Recognising student excellence

At Manchester we make sure we recognise and reward excellent performance – we want you to be proud of your achievements. That's why we award a range of prizes, including the Distinguished Achievement Award, each year to the best students.



As an undergraduate student, we'll provide you with a comprehensive Higher Education Record of Achievement, or HEAR, covering your entire course. Your HEAR will identify and detail transferable life skills as well as your academic grades, helping you demonstrate the value of your learning experience to future employers.

## Experience in industry

You may have chosen a course that includes a period in industry. Time in industry will develop your business awareness, team-working ability and other transferable skills – all of which are sought after by graduate employers. You'll increase your awareness of the broad range of careers on offer, which will help to guide your choice of option course units when you return to your studies.



## Studying abroad

Studying abroad is an excellent opportunity for you to see the world, experience new cultures and study at one of The University of Manchester's many partner institutions.

Most of our undergraduate courses allow you to take part in our Study Abroad programme. We have excellent relationships with overseas exchange partners in Europe and across the globe – and we extend our network every year.

Studying abroad will help you to broaden your horizons and boost your prospects in the job market. You'll be able to improve your language skills and cultural awareness while enjoying the opportunity of a lifetime.

## Postgraduate Taught Students (MA and MSc)

Opportunities to enhance your studies vary depending on the academic discipline of the subject you are pursuing but you can be certain that we give our master's students excellence in teaching and the very best learning environments.

We employ a wide variety of teaching techniques on our master's courses, from traditional laboratory-based work, lectures and seminars to e-learning.

Our wealth of facilities will give you the flexibility and resources to make the most of your postgraduate studies.



## Manchester Doctoral College (MDC)

As a postgraduate research student you'll become part of the MDC research community, which includes students, supervisors, administrators and external collaborators who all work together to improve facilities, locate accessible funding and improve the postgraduate research experience.

MDC aims to support you in generating internationally leading research, guide you towards a successful future career, set standards for postgraduate research education and support you in making the most of your opportunities at Manchester.

“ Most of the seminars had at least two guest speakers over the semester who provided a very practical approach to the arts scene, not only in Manchester, but also in other cities, including London.

In addition, at least one field trip was organised each semester, which helped to connect the conceptual background discussed in seminars to a practical base. ”

Sofia Lobos from Chile  
Graduated with a MA in Arts  
Management, Policy and Practice

# Profile

## Cliff Workman from the USA

Studying for a PhD in Psychology and  
President's Doctoral Scholar

“ Two years ago, I packed up my life and moved from the east coast of America in order to pursue my doctorate at The University of Manchester. This was the most life-changing decision I've ever made and, 12 months later, I am extremely pleased to have made it. The University is exceptional – not only has it attracted the leading researchers in my field, but it is ranked among the best research institutions in the world, with a strong commitment to supporting innovative research.

Furthermore, the support I've received from my supervisory team, research unit, School and the University as a whole has made me confident that I'm receiving the best possible preparation for my academic career. Through regular meetings with my supervisory team, numerous training and professional development opportunities, chances to attend and give scientific talks via the Faculty of Medical and Human Sciences Graduate Society, and opportunities to provide feedback on my course to the University's President and Vice-Chancellor, Professor Dame Nancy Rothwell, the University proves unquestionably its dedication to my academic success. ”

# Getting involved



Volunteering event run by Student Reps

We believe that if you feel good then you will function well and perform better. We have developed facilities and activities to help you reduce stress and build resilience, take time out to reflect and relax and find balance in your daily life.

## Students' Union

The University of Manchester Students' Union is the largest and one of the most active in the country. Not only will it provide you with the space, resources and support to make the most of your time at University but it's also a fantastic space to meet friends, take part in activities and socialise. The Students' Union is run by students, for students and represents the views and interests of the collective student body to ensure your voice is heard.

## Clubs and Societies

The Students' Union supports over 300 student societies, catering for all interests, talents and hobbies. From Aikido to Zoology, you'll find something for you. Arts, campaigning, faith, recreation, sport, academic subject and international groups – you will find plenty to keep you busy.

## Volunteering and fundraising

Student Action run a number of weekly and yearly projects to help make a meaningful and beneficial contribution to the local community or raise money for great causes. Opportunities to get involved are advertised on their online volunteering portal.

## Student Media

If you have a creative flair then there's opportunity to get involved in one of the many student-run media projects including the student newspaper (*The Mancunion*), radio station (*Fuse FM*) or TV station (*Fuse TV*).

## Student Voice

Each year you will be asked to elect the students that represent you and work hard to make the Students' Union and the University experience the best it can be. In every corner of University life you will find an elected officer, raising the voice of students and leading activities and campaigns.

Find out more

[www.manchesterstudentsunion.com](http://www.manchesterstudentsunion.com)



# Profile

## Cannon Lim from Singapore

Studying for a BAEcon in  
Business Studies and Economics

“ The University of Manchester offers a wide range of societies for students to join, suiting every individual interest. You can get involved with societies covering sports, music, international interests, dance, politics, recreation and many more. If, by any chance, you can't find a society to match your interests, you can always propose your idea to the Students' Union and create your own.

The Students' Union is a place where every student can have their voice heard. It helps students solve many of the difficulties they might face during their time at university, such as coping and managing with exams, depression, relationships and accommodation matters. The Students' Union also allows student societies to host events at different venues, mostly for free. Many students see the Students' Union as a 'problem solving' place or even as a 'home' due to the huge amount of facilities and services on offer. ”

### International Society

“ The International Society is an independent, not-for-profit organisation which is based on the University campus. We want to help you enjoy your time in Manchester by providing you with a warm and friendly welcome to the city. We organise trips, classes, activities and social events throughout the year to help you make the most of your time outside your studies.

Every weekend we offer trips to places across the UK. The trips are a fun, cheap and easy way of seeing more of Britain. We also currently offer classes in over 20 different languages.

Social events include discos, barbeques, quiz nights, world food evenings, cultural evenings and live music nights. We also have a families' group that provides a warm and friendly meeting place for the partners of students and their children. ”

#### Sam Harris

International Society

[www.internationalsociety.org.uk](http://www.internationalsociety.org.uk)



International Society

# Getting involved



Volunteering in the Community Centre

## Volunteering

### Manchester Leadership Programme (MLP)

The Manchester Leadership Programme (MLP) gives undergraduate students the unique opportunity to combine academic study with volunteering in order to develop skills awareness, essential for future leaders. You can hear from leaders within business, public and charity sectors as they share their thoughts on leadership in the 21st century.

Find out more at [www.mlp.manchester.ac.uk](http://www.mlp.manchester.ac.uk)

## Competitive sport

The University's Athletic Union is the competitive side of sport, with more than 40 clubs representing the University in the British Universities and Colleges Sport league.

More than 100 teams from halls and academic departments play against each other every week in the Campus Sport leagues.

## Free sport

Hall Sport provides free beginner activities for students living in University accommodation and Sporticipate gives all students access to a free set-programme of sport and fitness sessions during term-time.

## Active Lifestyles

We recognise 'sport' might not be what you are looking for which is why we offer a wide range of other activities to keep you active and healthy whilst on campus. Many of the activities, such as Pilates, Kettlebells, Zumba and Yoga, are suitable for all levels of ability and will provide you with the opportunity to learn and progress with guidance from our expert instructors.

## Sport

Manchester is a city with a worldwide sporting reputation, and you'll find plenty of ways to get involved here at the University.

Whatever your motivation, playing sport is the perfect opportunity to form lasting friendships, develop skills valued by employers, take a break from studying and, most importantly, stay fit and healthy.

Many programmes are open to all levels of ability so, whether you're a complete beginner or a budding Olympian, you'll find the right level for you.

“The Manchester Leadership programme was a turning point module in my degree programme. I studied mathematics and philosophy and decided to take the MLP to firstly give back to the community but also to meet other people from different schemes and see how they work. Little did I know how much it would shape my future.”

Mirza Nathoo  
MLP and Alumni



# Profile

## Jellaby Lai From Macau

Studying for a BSc in  
Actuarial Science and Mathematics

“ I didn't know what to expect when I first arrived in Manchester and my jaw dropped when I saw how many opportunities there were. Whatever you want to do, whatever interests you, you'll find it here.

I started volunteering; working with people with learning disabilities, helping out at a local running club and even helping to organise the world Taekwondo championships.

I've also recently signed up with Red Cross and I'm in the process of doing my training.

It's very rewarding to see big smiles on people's faces when you volunteer. You think what you do is nothing but people really appreciate it.

You learn new communication and organisational skills but you also learn a lot about yourself and how to talk to those from different backgrounds.

I think employers look for that skillset and I'm sure it will enhance my chances of getting a job. ”

### Sports Volunteer Scheme

The Sport Volunteer Scheme links registered students with sports-related volunteering opportunities across the city, enhancing personal skills and future employability.

### Sport facilities

The city of Manchester has many world-class facilities, including the Manchester Aquatics Centre, the National Cycling Centre and Sportcity, all within easy reach of the University.

On campus there are three main sports centres, all with excellent fitness suites and a fantastic range of indoor and outdoor facilities.

Find out more

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

# Students' Union

A conversation with Tessa Maritim (Diversity Sabbatical Officer) and Naomi Atkin (Societies Manager)



## What can the Union offer?

**Naomi:** The Union is whatever you want. It's a place to meet people, a place to learn new skills and educate yourself, a place to make change – it's a community.

**Tessa:** It's also your opportunity to make change at the University .

Turn your passion into reality – run a campaign and get all the support, resources and networking that you need to really make an impact.

**Naomi:** You can find advice and support for any problems you might have on your course or in your personal life. It's a place where everyone can feel safe and welcome.

**Tessa:** This Union is such a big opportunity to get involved. You could easily miss out on it by feeling that you just don't have the time and that you only want to concentrate on your academic work – but don't. This is a place to tap into activities that you're interested in and to find like-minded people. It's a platform to grow your passion.

We also have a Students' Union Advice Service, a free, confidential service where you can get information and advice on personal and academic issues. It's run by professional advisors who are independent of the University, and is located on the ground floor of the Students' Union building.



Find out more  
[www.manchesterstudentsunion.com](http://www.manchesterstudentsunion.com)



## How can I make a difference?

**Naomi:** Students can use the backing and the resources of the Union to make the changes they want to see in the University and society. They can represent their fellow students on course committees and be trained to do this. They can volunteer in the local community. They can run halls of residence committees to organise activities in residences. They can work for us part time – more than 200 do, all through the Union.

**Tessy:** The space itself is great – we have a cafe, a bar, a shop, a print shop, a hairdresser's, committee rooms that can be hired out, an activity space and gig venues. So, even if you're just looking for a great space to meet friends, come into the Union.



## What kinds of societies are there?

**Naomi:** There are over 400 student societies that cover every aspect of life – there are international societies, faith societies, sport, the arts, course-based, politics, postgraduate-only – we have everything from Quidditch and fashion blogging to musical theatre and wind surfing.

**Tessy:** If there isn't something you want, then you can just start a new society.

And don't feel you have to be really good at something to give it a go – you'll find people at all levels of ability... and people with none!



# Thinking about your future



## **An excellent reputation with graduate employers**

The University is consistently one of the most targeted universities in the UK by employers as voted by "The Times Top 100 Graduate Employers".<sup>1</sup>

In the 2014 QS World University Rankings, The University of Manchester scored a maximum 100/100 for "Employer Reputation" for the quality of its graduates.<sup>2</sup>

With over 4,000 recruiters advertising jobs, exhibiting at fairs and presenting on our campus, these surveys support the University's reputation for outstanding and highly employable graduates.<sup>3</sup>

## **Explore your options**

We have longstanding relationships with leading multinational recruiters, who participate in many of our careers events and workshops to develop our students

and those all-important skills such as leadership, team-working and initiative. Many of our UK-based employers can also refer you to their positions around the globe.

We run specific events for groups of international students, such as our international employer events and online networks of international alumni. We also subscribe to an online database of international job vacancies to help you stay connected to your local job market.

Find out more

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



## Make connections

You can meet with specialist careers consultants for professional advice, skills training and guidance to help plan your career. We can help you to explore how employers recruit differently across the globe.

In addition, you can benefit from specialist services for international students to make the most of UK and global opportunities and boost your international employability.

We offer a regular blog feature, guiding you on the changing UK work visa regulations and on how you can benefit from UK work opportunities.

<sup>1</sup> High Fliers Survey 2013/14 "The Graduate Market in 2014" – an annual review of graduate vacancies and starting salaries at Britain's leading employers – High Fliers Research Ltd.

<sup>2</sup> The QS World University Rankings, 2014 – of over 600 top universities around the world [www.topuniversities.com/university-rankings](http://www.topuniversities.com/university-rankings)

<sup>3</sup> The UK Graduate Careers Survey, 2014 – High Fliers Research Ltd

## Profile

### Rudo Mugwagwa From Canada

Studying for an LLB in Law

“ As an international student coming from a different system it was difficult to know where to begin when pursuing a commercial legal career. My advisor directed me to the Career Service, which had a wealth of experienced advisors and online resources. The service's website gave me vital information on events and workshops that were specifically geared towards law students. I was able to create a personal calendar that included firm presentations, information sessions and skills workshops. By attending these events in my first year, I was able to understand the process of becoming a solicitor and the expectations of commercial firms. I was able to interact and network with firm representatives and networking, and I was even able to get informal work experience through a panel of city law firms.

Along with these insightful events, the Careers Service provided personal assistance for my job applications, including mock interviews and assessments. A particular challenge I had was structuring my résumé, highlighting the relevant experience and attributes for which firms would be looking. I was able to get feedback and resources that helped me enhance my work profile not only for legal experience but also for jobs in general. ”

# Thinking about your future



Careers advice  
in the Atrium

## Working part-time

Part-time jobs are a great way to gain new experience, connect with people and earn money while you are a student. One of the ways to become used to your new home is by becoming a student ambassador. Student ambassadors act as a link between the institution and the outside community. Our Student Immigration team provide support and guidance on Visa stipulations and hours of work while you're studying here.

## Manchester Gold

Taking part in our mentoring programme is a great way of getting invaluable information, advice and guidance about your choice and future aspirations. We will match you to one of our mentors, someone who could be doing the job you're aiming for, working in an area that interests you or who has graduated from the same course as you. You can access support from someone you can relate to, who has experience, insights and hindsight.

Many of our mentors are graduates from the University who wish to give something back, share the knowledge they have gained of opportunities after graduation and help guide current students along their chosen career path.

## Careers Library

We have reference books, journals and guides on a wide range of career options, information on CVs, interviews and assessment centres. Plus employer directories and guides for you to take away.

Find out more  
[www.careers.manchester.ac.uk](http://www.careers.manchester.ac.uk)



# Profile

## Panitas Sureeyatanapas from Thailand

Studying for a PhD at Manchester Business School

“ I work as a teaching assistant, working with first-year undergraduate students. The experience will be very useful when I return to work as a lecturer in Thailand. I'm also participating as a caller in Manchester Calling, an annual campaign run by the International Office. The campaign gives a personal contact service to international offer-holders. My role is to provide them with guidance and information about student life in Manchester. It's not only a great experience but also an opportunity to make many new friends.

Manchester is a cosmopolitan city offering many opportunities for students to work part-time. I know many other international students who work outside the University, at places such as Manchester United Football Club, Primark, the Manchester Arena and Bridgewater Hall. As an international student in the UK, I try to use my spare time to travel around Europe, and earnings from the part-time jobs enable me to achieve this. I believe that, by working either within or outside the University, you not only earn extra money but also broaden your experience in British culture, improve English language skills and gain confidence in working within a multinational environment. ”

“ I work part time as an operations assistant and the people there have been so kind and supportive. They have really helped me to grow and understand my subject.

Outside my course I have worked as a library ambassador, and I was selected to go to the European Space Agency in Germany, which was great.

It's all taught me a lot about ethics which I don't think I could have learned anywhere else. I've learned how and when to take decisions as a manager and when not to; what's right and what's wrong. I've also improved my communication skills and customer service. I've learned to smile.

**Kautuk Chaddha from India Studied Masters for a MSc in Aerospace Engineering**



# Getting to know the city

Manchester is the second most visited city, after London, and is the UK's most popular student city with over 350,000 living in the Greater Manchester region.

Manchester offers a student life that can be tailored to your own tastes. You'll find a vast number of ways to enjoy yourself, enrich your learning, and socialise – all on a student budget!

Manchester's enduring energy and cosmopolitan creativity can be seen in its impressive array of festivals, thriving arts and culture scene, lively music and nightlife, multicultural cuisine and passion for sport.

**EDINBURGH** 220 MILES (3HRS)  
BY TRAIN

**LIVERPOOL** 35 MILES

Its unique character comes from its pioneering past; this is where the Industrial Revolution really took hold. The city grew dramatically in the 19th century on the wealth created by cotton.

There's more information about what the city of Manchester has to offer, including details of our halls of residence on campus and living in Manchester as a student in the Living in Manchester guide arriving soon.

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

National  
Football  
Museum

Market at  
St Anne's  
Square





Afflecks  
Palace

**LONDON** 200 MILES (2HRS)  
BY TRAIN

**YORK** 79 MILES



Manchester  
Town Hall



Central  
Library

# Preparing for your studies

A conversation between Alison Redward (International Officer) and Rowan Mataram (International Relations Assistant)



## So, what are the pre-departure briefings?

**Alison:** Pre-departure briefings are an important and useful opportunity to meet with a representative of The University of Manchester and receive advice on preparing to come to Manchester, help with accommodation, the airport collection service, the Orientation and Welcome programme as well as what to expect living and studying in Manchester.

It's also an opportunity to check on the status of your accommodation and any payments you may have made to the University.

**Rowan:** After the practical issues have been dealt with, you can relax and learn about all the fantastic activities and facilities available to you when living and studying in Manchester.

**Alison:** We'll give you information about the University as well as the city's many attractions, and cultural interests. It is also a great opportunity to meet and connect with other students in the same position as you. You can ask questions, share experiences and get ready for the next stage of your journey. ”



## “ How do I book onto these? ”

**Alison:** If we are doing a briefing in your country we will usually send you an invitation and you can find details on our website. If we are not able to offer you a briefing, you will be able to sign up to one of our webinars instead. ”

## “ And what about when I get to Manchester? ”

**Rowan:** Once you arrive in the UK there is an Orientation programme of events designed to give you the best start to your academic and social life in Manchester. The programme includes talks by members of staff, tours of the city and University campus, and plenty of social events giving you the opportunity to get to know people from all over the world.

Our team of Student Ambassadors will be there to guide you through every step of Orientation. They'll be there to greet you and show you to our free shuttle service taking you directly to your University accommodation and they'll travel with you to the supermarket during Orientation to show you the best places to buy food.

**Alison:** Feel free to ask them anything at all. The Student Ambassadors will share their first-hand knowledge of the city and University.

**Rowan:** Even though UK students do not take part in Orientation, you'll have plenty of chances to meet them through our Welcome events. Manchester is a fantastic place to live and study, and the Orientation team and Student Ambassadors are looking forward to showing you exactly why. ”



Alison and Rowan in the Atrium, University Place

# Accommodation and finance

## Guaranteed accommodation

Unlike many other universities, The University of Manchester guarantees accommodation in a university owned and managed or leased hall of residence to every overseas student for the full duration of their studies, provided you:

- are coming to the University alone;
- pay the overseas rate of tuition fees;
- have submitted an application for accommodation by 31 August;
- apply for accommodation in subsequent years for the full academic session, and by the due deadline in February;
- have met the conditions of your offer if you are an undergraduate student, or have firmly accepted a place at the University by 31 August if you are a postgraduate student.

If you fall outside of these conditions, do not worry; the Accommodation Office is likely to be able to find you a room, and if not, our staff will advise you of other available options.

The University offers some family and partner accommodation, and Manchester Student Homes can assist with private housing for larger families.

Once you accept our offer of a place to study here (even if it is conditional), you are then ready to apply for a place in our wide range of accommodation.

## When will I receive my offer of accommodation?

In the summer, we start to send out licence agreements by email to all unconditional firm candidates who have applied for accommodation in halls. It is very important that as soon as you receive your accommodation offer you accept your room, following the online procedure detailed in your emailed offer. Failure to do so within the seven-day deadline will mean that you may lose your offer of a room. Please make sure you check your emails regularly and keep us informed if your email address changes.

## The choice

There are many halls to choose from, so we suggest you take some time to select your top three preferences. To help you do this, read your copy of the Living in Manchester Guide, which you should receive soon. You can also browse and apply online.

## Manchester Student Homes

You may prefer not to live in a University Hall. There is a large supply of private accommodation for rent in and around the city of Manchester. The University (together with Manchester Metropolitan University) also manages Manchester Student Homes (MSH). MSH is an agency which can help you locate a room in the private sector either before or on arrival. In 2014, MSH launched the International Friendly Standard, which aims to make a fairer and more transparent private sector for international students.

A number of private halls and landlords have signed up where the main criteria is not to ask for a UK based guarantor or large sums of rent up front. You'll be able to search for these easily.

Find out more  
[www.manchesterstudenthomes.com](http://www.manchesterstudenthomes.com)

Look out for more detailed information about accommodation, the halls of residence and the city of Manchester and much more in the Living in Manchester guide. You should receive this in the next few weeks.

Find out more  
[www.manchester.ac.uk/accommodation](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/accommodation)



Biko's cafe in the Students' Union

## Organise your money and finances

### Tuition fees

In order to give you certainty in your financial planning, the tuition fee payable each year will be fixed for the duration of the programme. If you enter as a student from September 2015, you'll pay the same tuition fee for each subsequent year of your programme.\*

Your offer letter will specify the tuition fees for your course. For more information on tuition fees please visit the Student Services Centre website.

Find out more  
[www.manchester.ac.uk/ssc](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/ssc)

To help you manage the costs of study, you can opt to pay your fees in instalments once you have set up a UK bank account. More details about this will be sent to you shortly before you register. If you have any questions about the costs of study you should contact your academic School.

### Cost of living

Manchester is an affordable place to live and very popular with students on a budget. You can benefit from student discounts on a wide range of goods and services, including transport, fashion and entertainment.

\*Please note that this does not apply to clinical undergraduate programmes in Medicine and Dentistry, or to progression from our foundation year to a degree programme.

### Estimated living costs for 2014/15\*

Expenses	40 weeks undergraduate	52 weeks postgraduate
Accommodation (average cost for self-catering halls)	£4,850	£5,925
Meals	£1,495	£2,025
Books and stationery	£415	£505
Clothes (including provision of warm clothing and footwear)	£415	£505
Local transport	£540	£685
Other general living expenses (eg photocopying and printing, laundry, phone calls, consumables, entertainment, sports, cooking equipment etc)	£1,540	£1,930
<b>Total</b>	<b>£9,255</b>	<b>£11,575</b>

\*\* Please note that these figures may increase in line with inflation.

# Your offer

You should have received, or will shortly receive, your offer of a study place. Your offer will either be conditional (C) or unconditional (U).

## Conditional and unconditional offers

Some applicants are made conditional offers which state that they must achieve certain grades in examinations or English language scores. Applicants who have already completed examinations may be made unconditional offers with no conditions attached. If you have any questions about your offer, please contact your academic department.

When you have completed all your examinations, and know your results, please send them to your academic department, so that we can confirm you have met your conditions. We ask you to send a copy of a formal transcript or results slip, via email if possible. If you have met your conditions, your offer will become unconditional. Even if you have not quite achieved the grades we asked for, you should still send your results to us.

## Why do we ask for an English qualification?

An ability to communicate in English is vital to your academic performance and progress. It is essential that you have a level of fluency that will allow you to benefit fully from lectures and tutorials. A high level of English is also a valuable skill, which can improve your job prospects internationally.

If you have an unconditional offer then no further proof of your level of English (for your academic course) is required however, you may decide to attend a pre-session English course to help develop your academic skills and fluency further. The three-week pre-session course is specifically designed for students holding an unconditional offer, with a high level of English (minimum IELTS 6.5).

If you have a conditional offer based on an English language requirement please check the exact requirements carefully with your School. You may be required to retake IELTS or attend one of our pre-session courses.

For more details about the pre-session course go to page 12.

## Undergraduate applicants

You will be able to check the details of your offer on UCAS Track. UCAS Track is an online system that allows you to follow the progress of your application and check your decisions. If you supplied UCAS with a valid email address when you first applied, they will email you when a decision has been made. Once you have received decisions from all your choices, UCAS will contact you again with information about responding to offers. If our offer is conditional and you wish to accept it, you will need to decide whether you want us to be your first choice (firm) or your 'second choice' option (insurance).

If you need further guidance on the UCAS process please visit:

[www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com)

## Postgraduate applicants

You will receive your offer directly from your academic department once they have made a decision on your application. To accept your offer, please follow the instructions in your offer letter.



Alan Gilbert  
Learning  
Commons

## Communicating with us

Whether it is to accept your offer, or simply provide a change of contact address, it is important that you keep in touch with us. Accurate contact details are especially important so that we can send you key documents such as your accommodation offer or your Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS). Undergraduate applicants should remember to update their contact details on UCAS Track if these change. Postgraduate applicants can update contact details directly in the applicant portal.

## Applying for a visa

If you are a non-EEA National and you wish to come to the UK to study for more than six months, you need to obtain a visa to do so and you must apply for a Tier 4 Student (General) visa in your home country before you travel. Applying for a Tier 4 visa should be fairly simple as long as you prepare carefully.

Once you have accepted your offer and met any conditions, we will send you a CAS statement by email. This statement will provide you with your CAS reference number and additional information that you must use when applying for your student visa for The University of Manchester.

You must provide the UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI) with the original academic documents that are listed in your CAS statement. You should also be prepared to show the UKVI the original financial evidence that you have the necessary funds for your tuition fees and living expenses while you are in the UK. Students studying some science, engineering or medical programmes may need to apply for Academic Technology Approval Scheme (ATAS) clearance before applying for a student visa. If your CAS states that you require ATAS clearance, please see this website for more information:

[www.fco.gov.uk/atas](http://www.fco.gov.uk/atas)

For further information on preparing your Tier 4 visa application, please visit [www.manchester.ac.uk/study/international/admissions/visa-guidance](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/study/international/admissions/visa-guidance). This webpage also provides information for students who are already in the UK, studying on a Tier 4 visa, and who will need to apply for an extension to study a new course at The University of Manchester.

If you have questions or concerns about your visa application to study at The University of Manchester, please email [visa@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:visa@manchester.ac.uk).

## Questions

The International Office is here to answer any questions you may have about student life at The University of Manchester:

tel **+44 (0)161 275 2196**

fax **+44 (0)161 275 2058**

email [offer@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:offer@manchester.ac.uk)

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

Find out more

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

# Parents and supporters

It's very important to us that, when your young person arrives in Manchester, they feel welcome and settle easily into their new surroundings. We run a number of events through our Orientation and Welcome programmes to give our new students the best possible start to living in the UK.

## **Safety and security in Manchester**

At Manchester, we take the safety of our students very seriously. That's why we invest in security technology, train our staff to provide practical safety advice and support, and maintain excellent relationships with local police.

We have invested more than £800,000 in security, including a CCTV system covering our teaching campus and all halls of residence. Students living in halls of residence also have possessions insurance automatically included in the cost of their room.

Soon after moving into halls of residence, all students are advised by their pastoral adviser, and often by the local police service, of the simple precautions they can take to protect themselves and their possessions.

We advise our students on being streetwise. Simple measures, such as avoiding the obvious use of smartphones and MP3 players, and avoiding walking home alone at night, can greatly reduce vulnerability to crime.

Students living in private residences are strongly advised to ensure that their property has adequate locks and an alarm system.

## **Money and finance**

Parents and supporters of students may be concerned about student finance and the cost of your son or daughter attending university. However, Manchester is an affordable and cosmopolitan city, home to more than 80,000 students who are often living on a limited budget.

The city's affordable cost of living makes it an ideal choice for those who want to enjoy a major city on a budget and it is consistently shown to be one of the cheapest places in the UK for students to live.

## **Banking and managing money**

We would ask you to encourage your young person to open a bank account as soon as they can when they arrive in Manchester. This is something that the University can support them with. Carrying large amounts of cash will make them more vulnerable to crime and hiding money in their rooms can also leave them open to opportunistic crime.

## **Arrival guide**

To help your young person prepare, we'll send them an arrival guide giving them comprehensive details about living in Manchester and studying at the University. With a list of tasks to be completed and a schedule to plan to. We hope that the guide will be very helpful to our new students before and after arriving in Manchester.



Maurício and his family at graduation

# Profile

## Maurício Ramos from Peru

Graduated with a BA(Econ) in Economics

“ When I first came to university I came from another country, leaving at home my parents, friends, and girlfriend. I slowly got used to the idea of being far from home and my parents certainly helped with that. Through the various Skype calls we had, they helped me realise that I could do this, always motivating me to get a good study-entertainment balance. Their advice has helped me throughout these three years. ”

### When your young person lands in the UK

For a week in September each year, student helpers and staff will be at Manchester Airport from 8am to 9.30pm each day. If your young person is flying into Manchester they will find friendly faces to greet them, answer any immediate queries and give them advice about making the last part of their journey.

### More information

If you would like to know more about our range of services to help your young person settle at Manchester, please visit [www.manchester.ac.uk/international](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/international).



# The International Team



## Mike Gibbons

I am the Director of Student Recruitment and International Development with the wider remit of international relations, student exchanges and study abroad. I also oversee UK student recruitment.



### Back row:

#### 1. Charlie Pybus

I am responsible for marketing in mainland China, Taiwan and East Asia as well as Japan and Korea.

#### 2. Emma Dixon

I work with our sponsored students organising visits and making sure that sponsors receive all the information they need to continue to support your studies.

#### 3. Lindsey Gage

I answer your queries to the [international@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:international@manchester.ac.uk) and make sure that colleagues have all the publications and information they need for pre-departure briefings and exhibitions.

#### 4. Nicola Jones

I support the Director of Student Recruitment and International Development.

#### 5. Cardy Camara

I answer your queries to [offer@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:offer@manchester.ac.uk). I also help to organise freight for exhibitions and work with your in-country agents.

#### 6. Susanna Larminie

I am the contact for the incoming fee-paying Study Abroad students.

#### 7. David Garcia

I work with Joanne to support the Equity and Merit scholarship students and with Karen on the Orientation programme.

### Front row:

#### 8. Miriam Cadney

I look after all the Erasmus+ agreements and grant payments.

#### 9. Lise-Marie McDonnell

I work in the International Programmes Office looking after our outgoing students.

#### 10. Rowan Mataram

I work with Karen on the Orientation and Welcome Programmes

#### 11. Joanne Jacobs

I look after the Equity and Merit scholarship students from Africa and Bangladesh

#### 12. Alison Redward

I work on recruitment and marketing in South Asia, Russia and Turkey. I also look after international applicants living in the UK

#### 13. Shayne Langlois

I am responsible for recruitment and marketing in the US and Canada

#### 14. Tanya Luff

I'm Head of International Relations and work closely with our sponsored students. I organise some of our Presidents visits to your countries and travel and recruit in South East Asia and South America.

#### 15. Karen Badat

I organise the Orientation Programme and work with colleagues on activities in Welcome.

#### 16. Shemsah Farooq

I work as a Project Officer in the team and support Tanya in her work

#### 17. Liz Green

I manage recruitment and marketing in South Asia, Norway and Kazakhstan.

#### 18. Sarah Street

I support current students who want to study abroad during their undergraduate degrees – don't forget that you can look into this too if you are studying with us at that level.

### Not in photo:

#### Fiona Brown

I head up the International Office team at the University.

#### Fran Halliwell

I'm the regional manager responsible for our work in South East Asia, the Middle East and Africa.

#### Shaden Jaradat

I look after recruitment and marketing in the Middle East, North Africa and many countries in Sub-Saharan Africa.



# What happens now?

Now you are holding an offer to study at Manchester we will be keeping in regular contact with you via email and post. Please make sure your contact details are up to date on UCAS Track and let us know if anything changes.

Over the coming weeks, look out for:

Your **Living in Manchester** guide, which will be on its way to you very soon through the post. It will give you a feel for the cultural diversity and unique character that the city of Manchester has to offer and the full range of University accommodation, from the community hub that is Fallowfield to the leafy surroundings of Victoria Park – there is something for everyone!



Your monthly **E-advantage** e-bulletin, detailing the exciting opportunities and experiences that awaits you in Manchester. Your **Arrival Guide** sent in a few months giving comprehensive details about living and studying in Manchester, with a list of tasks to be completed and schedule to plan to.

## Your offer

As an undergraduate you can keep up to date with the progress of your application, view any academic or other conditions and reply to your offers using UCAS Track or by contacting the University.

As a postgraduate applicant you can keep up to date with your offer by using the self-service tracking system. Click the *Admissions* link in the pages below:

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

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## Contact us

If you have any questions about your application then your academic School will be more than happy to talk this through with you. You will find your School contact details on the course pages of our website .


The International Team can answer any questions you may have about living and studying in Manchester:


tel **+44(0)161 275 2196**

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