



# THE MANCHESTER ADVANTAGE

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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 a vibrant and inspiring place to study. You can immerse yourself in exciting opportunities and experiences both at the University and across the city.

### 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'll 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 state-of-the-art laboratories, classrooms, workshops and online learning resources.

### Your future

We are recognised by international employers as being a top university from which 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 we maintain regular contact with alumni across the world.

### Make the most of the city

Manchester's enduring energy, cosmopolitan nature and creativity is reflected by its impressive array of festivals, thriving arts and culture scene, lively music and nightlife, multicultural cuisine, and passion for sport.

### A welcoming environment

We are proud to be close to the centre of Manchester, the UK's most popular student city. With students from 154 countries, our campus is a lively, cosmopolitan and welcoming community. We offer a range of support when you arrive, while you're studying and when you're preparing for your new career.

### What's next?

I'm confident that Manchester is an excellent choice for your studies. You'll also have offers from other universities, so you have tough choices to make. Your decision is an important one and it will help shape your future professional and personal life. Hopefully the information you receive from us over the coming months will help you make an informed choice but if we can be of further help please do get in touch.

# Pioneering thinking since 1824



1824

The Manchester Mechanics' Institute formed, later to become University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology (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. 1902

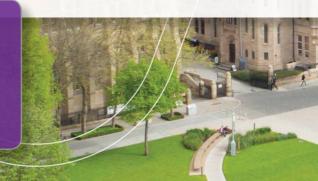
The Old Quad of the University was completed, including the John Owens Building (1873), the Beyer Building and Manchester Museum (1888), the Christie Building (1898) and the magnificent Whitworth Hall (1902). 1904

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.

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.



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



### 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.



### 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).

### 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 araphene.

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





# 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.

### Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2014 and Academic Ranking of World Universities 2015

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 Shanghai Jiao Tong Academic Ranking of World Universities ranks us 41st in the world, eighth in Europe and fifth in the UK.

www.manchester.ac.uk/research/ref-2014



### 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 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

### **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



### **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.

"The size of the University and the sheer range of knowledge here allows us to bring people together from a huge range of research areas. This helps us to find innovative ways to tackle some of the world's biggest energy challenges."

Professor Ian Cotton, Director of Manchester Energy

### Cancer

We're committed to the full spectrum of combating 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 industry brings new drugs to the market more quickly.

"The University is especially well placed, though 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

### 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.

"To help those still trapped in poverty, we need path-breaking research to identify improved policies and approaches to supporting the efforts of the chronic poor to overcome the obstacles that block their prosperity."

Professor David Hulme, Professor of Development Studies

### Innovative teaching

Find out more
www.manchester.ac.uk/methods-materials



At Manchester we use innovative teaching methods and provide sophisticated 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 e-learning.

### Advanced learning technologies

We provide a richer learning experience for students. Online learning tools complement our 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 upto-date with cutting-edge thinking and technologies through our dynamic research-led culture. Our 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

Undergraduate students are able to take free-choice units that count towards their degree giving you the opportunity to mix with those from other disciplines and 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.

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 BA in Politics, Philosophy and Economics



### A supportive environment

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

### Academic advisers and personal tutors

Every undergraduate and postgraduate taught student is assigned an academic adviser who is there to give you advice about any academic issues throughout your course. They can also support you with practical and pastoral issues, such as registration for course units, exam preparation and time management, and help you prepare for careers and life after graduation.

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 adviser/tutor who provides pastoral support.

### Peer support for undergraduate students

All students at Manchester have the opportunity to access peer support – enabling you to speak to other students about all aspects of university life and to ask questions of trained higher-year students.

We offer peer mentor schemes which are support groups led by students, for students. Joining a peer

mentor scheme will help you develop a sense of belonging and identity with the University, and help make your student experience the best it can be.

Peer Assisted Study Sessions (PASS) provide a facilitated, group learning opportunity that uses the experiences of students in higher years to support the learning of lower-year peers. Students find these sessions really useful as they bring an informal, friendly and fun element to learning, as well as being an opportunity to improve your grades.

### Peer support for postgraduate research students

The Manchester Doctoral College (MDC), provides world-class support, training and researcher development opportunities for all postgraduate research students.

Our aim is to support you in maximising your time with us and to support you in establishing a strong platform for career development. We've developed an online progression system to support you through the duration of your research programme.

The system allows you to break down the requirements of your programme into manageable goals to support the planning and achievement of goals. In addition, the system enables you and your supervisory team to record and reflect upon progress against agreed objective and deadlines.

All postgraduate research students can apply to the highly regarded Manchester Gold mentoring programme, which provides an opportunity to obtain information, advice and guidance from a carefully selected mentor.

As a postgraduate research student at Manchester, 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 across the institution.

### My Learning Essentials

You can take advantage of the Library's award-winning skills programme. My Learning Essentials offers you unlimited access to online resources, as well as workshops and 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 search, develop your mindset and write in an academic style.

### 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 much more.

Find out more

www.manchester.ac.uk/learning-support



### laroslav Kosov from Russia



### MChem in Medicine with Medicinal Chemistry

The foundation year at INTO Manchester 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 also 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 Manchester because 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.

# 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.

### 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-sessional' 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.

Find out more tel +44(0)161 306 3397 fax +44(0)161 306 3396 email presessional@manchester.ac.uk www.ulc.manchester.ac.uk/english

### **ULC** pre-sessional English course details

Course code	Dates	Length	Fee
PS20	11 April – 2 September 2016	20 weeks	£6,000
PS10a	11 April – 17 June 2016	10 weeks	£3,000
PS10b	27 June – 2 September 2016	10 weeks	£3,000
PS5	1 August – 2 September 2016	5 weeks	£1,500
PS3	15 August – 2 September 2016	3 weeks	£900



# Inspiring study spaces

At Manchester, not only will you be able to make use of the Library's vast resources, but 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 in the UK and is one of the best-resourced academic libraries in the country.

At the Library, we don't just deliver traditional library services. We offer modern group study areas, extensive online resources and workshops to support you through your studies.

### The Alan Gilbert Learning Commons

The state-of-the-art Alan Gilbert Learning Commons (AGLC) offers you a stimulating environment for study, combining inspiring decor with flexibility and the latest in learning technology. Furthermore, the building is designed to the highest standards of sustainability.

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 AGLC also provides whiteboard markers, cables



and other materials to make the flexible space, and different ways of learning, as effective as possible for our students.

My Learning Essentials, the Library's award-winning programme of online resources, workshops and drop-ins is also delivered predominantly from the Learning Commons.

Find out more www.manchester.ac.uk/library

### Culture on campus

We have a rich heritage, meaning that you'll have access to magnificent historical buildings and a range of impressive visitor attractions, all right here on campus. Not only can these spaces be used to enhance your learning experience and to support your studies, but our cultural venues are great places to visit in your free time.

**The John Rylands Library** is a striking display of neo-Gothic architecture and it houses some of the rarest manuscripts from our Special Collections. The Library is fully functional; you can find a quiet corner to study in, become a reader of the Library



and get access to its stunning collections, take tours of the building and enjoy its vibrant exhibition and events programme.

**Jodrell Bank** is home to the Lovell telescope, an internationally renowned landmark in the world of astronomy. The Discovery Centre offers a range of events and exhibitions, including the Lovell and Garner lectures delivered by international experts.

**The Manchester Museum** is the UK's 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.

**The Whitworth** is the University's art gallery and the Art Fund's 2015 Museum of the Year. There are around 50,000 works of art based in the collections. These include contemporary and historic collections, fine art, textiles and wallpapers.

**The Martin Harris Centre** for Music and Drama offers a range of musical and theatrical events that are open to the public. The Centre includes the 350-seat Cosmo Rodewold Concert Hall and the 150-seat John Thaw Studio Theatre.





Our campus is dominated by both grand Victorian and more modern buildings, but also has quiet corners, landscaped gardens, cafes 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.



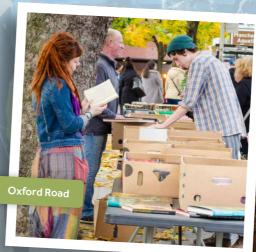


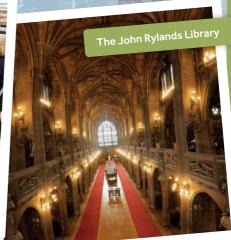












# Enhancing your studies

### 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, to our best students each year.

In addition, all postgraduate research students have the opportunity to be nominated for a Manchester Doctoral College Excellence Award. Postgraduate research students are also encouraged to get involved in a variety of social responsibility activities. Some have been winners or highly commended in the University's Making a Difference social responsibility awards.

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. We're also involved in a national initiative to develop a HEAR for postgraduate research students.

### 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 gain a different insight into your discipline.

Most of our undergraduate courses allow you to take part in our Study Abroad programme. We have excellent relationships with many leading universities 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 lectures and seminars, to field or laboratory-based work and e-learning.

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



### Manchester Doctoral College

As a postgraduate research student you'll become part of the Manchester Doctoral College (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.

Find out more www.manchester.ac.uk/expanding-study



# Getting involved



We believe that if you feel good 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's 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 more than 400 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 – there's 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

### **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 more than 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





# Getting involved



### Volunteering

### Manchester Leadership Programme

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 www.manchester.ac.uk/mlp

### **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.

Find out more www.manchester.ac.uk/sport

### 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.

The Manchester Leadership
Programme was a turning point module
in my degree programme. I studied
mathematics and philosophy and decided
to take the Programme 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

### **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

### **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.



### Students' Union

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

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### 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.

Tessy: 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.

**Tessy:** 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 advisers who are independent of the University, and is located on the ground floor of the Students' Union building.



# 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.

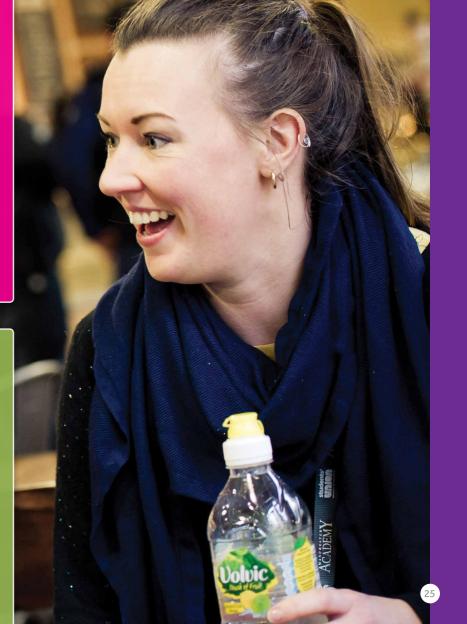
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### What kinds of societies are there?

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 windsurfing.

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.<sup>1</sup>

In the 2015 QS World University Rankings, we scored 99.9 for 'employer reputation' for the quality of our qraduates.<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, many of whom participate in our careers events and workshops to help our students develop 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.

### 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.

- $^1\,{}^{\rm T}$  The Graduate Market in 2015" an annual review of graduate vacancies and starting salaries at Britain's leading employers High Fliers Research Ltd.
- $^2$  The QS World University Rankings, 2014 of over 600 top universities around the world www.topuniversities.com/university-rankings
- <sup>3</sup> The UK Graduate Careers Survey, 2014 High Fliers Research Ltd

Find out more

www.manchester.ac.uk/careers/international



# Bhavi Shah from India

Profile

**BSc Medicinal Chemistry** 

When I arrived in Manchester, I didn't know a lot about writing a CV, or what sort of work experience I should be looking to get. I booked an appointment with the Careers Service and they've helped me get started.

The staff there are very friendly. They seem genuinely interested – it's as though they're helping their best friend! There are also great online resources like CareersLink – you just type in the kind of things you're interested in and it helps you find the right options for you.

I've been working as a Library Ambassador and I volunteer through the University's peer mentoring scheme. These opportunities help you to show employers that you don't just work because you have to – it's because you want to.

I recommend that you take advantage of opportunities at university. Join a society, and do an internship—I did mine with a pharmaceutical company, and it helped me to understand what life would be like after graduation.

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# Thinking about your future



### 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 provides support and guidance on visa regulations governing working as an international student.

Find out more

www.manchester.ac.uk/careers/international/workduringstudy

### 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'll 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.manchester.ac.uk/careers

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 MSc in Aerospace Engineering









Manchester is England's second most visited city, after London, and is the UK's most popular student city with more than 80,000 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!

Its unique character comes from its pioneering past; as the birthplace of the Industrial Revolution, 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 in the Living in Manchester guide that we'll send to you soon.



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# Preparing for your studies

A conversation between Daniel Annoot (International Officer) and Hannah Matthews (International Relations Assistant)



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

**Daniel:** Our pre-departure briefings are an important and useful opportunity to receive further advice from a representative of The University of Manchester on topics including the visa application process, accommodation options, the University Shuttle Service to Residences and the Orientation and Welcome programme.

**Hannah:** 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.

**Daniel:** We'll give you information about the history of the University as well as the city's many attractions, including the incredible range of cultural and sporting options. It is also a great opportunity to 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?

**Daniel:** If we're offering a briefing in your country, we'll usually send you an invitation and list the details on our website. If we're not able to offer you a briefing, you'll be able to sign up to one of our webinars instead.

### What happens when I get to Manchester?

**Daniel:** Once you arrive in the UK there's 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.

**Hannah:** 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.

**Daniel:** Feel free to ask them anything at all. Our student ambassadors will share their first-hand knowledge of the city and the University.

**Hannah:** 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.



### 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 may 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're 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 accommodation offers 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 and have read the licence agreement that you accept your room, following the online procedure detailed in your emailed offer. This includes making a non-refundable pre-payment of £400. 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.

### Fallowfield Residential Development

The University of Manchester is committed to improving the student experience. If you're with us in 2018/19 you'll benefit from the first stage of the 3,000 modern, high-quality rooms we are planning for the Owens Park site in Fallowfield.

Further details can be found on University Accommodation website.

Find out more www.manchester.ac.uk/accommodation

### **Manchester Student Homes**

You may prefer not to live in a University hall. There's 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.

### 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 2016, 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

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.

### Estimated living costs for 2015/16\*\*

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
Total	£9,255	£11,575

<sup>\*\*</sup> Please note that these figures may increase in line with inflation.

Find out more www.manchester.ac.uk/accommodation

<sup>\*</sup>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.

### 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've any questions about your offer, please contact your academic department.

When you've 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've met your conditions, your offer will become unconditional. Even if you've 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's 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-sessional English course to help develop your academic skills and fluency further. The three-week pre-sessional 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 presessional courses.

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

### Undergraduate applicants

You'll 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'll email you when a decision has been made. Once you've 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'll 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 the website.

Find out more www.ucas.com

### Postgraduate applicants

You'll 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.

### Communicating with us

Whether it's to accept your offer, or simply provide a change of contact address, it's 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've accepted your offer and met any conditions, we'll 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 visit www.fco.gov.uk/atas for more information.

For further information on preparing your Tier 4 visa application, please visit 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.

### 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

Find out more 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

Manchester is a diverse and welcoming city, and the University plays a big part in this. Our students become part of an inclusive community, enjoying a warm atmosphere on our campus and in our residences.

We understand that this is a new country for many of our students, and so we do everything we can to help them stay safe during their time with us. We invest in security technology, train our staff to provide practical safety advice and support, and maintain excellent relationships with local police.

We've invested more than £800,000 in security, including a CCTV system covering our teaching campus and all halls of residence. Students living in University 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 featuring comprehensive details about living in Manchester and studying at the University. It also includes a useful list of tasks to be completed and a schedule for planning. We hope that the guide will be very helpful to our new students before and after arriving in Manchester.

### When your young person lands in the UK

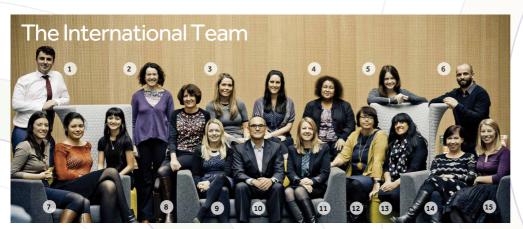
For a week in September each year, student helpers and staff will be at Manchester Airport from 8am to 9.30pm each day. If your young person is flying into Manchester they will find friendly faces to greet them, answer any immediate queries and give them advice about making the last part of their journey.

### More information

If you would like to know more about our range of services to help your young person settle at Manchester, please visit the International website.

Find out more www.manchester.ac.uk/international.





#### 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'm the Regional Manager responsible for our work 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 gueries to the international@manchester. ac.uk and make sure that colleagues have all the publications and information they need for pre-departure briefings and exhibitions.

### 4. Cardy Camara

lanswer your queries to offer@manchester.ac.uk. lalso help to organise freight for exhibitions and work with your in-country agents.

#### 5. Susanna Larminie

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

#### 6. David Garcia

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

### Front row:

### 7. Miriam Cadney

I support the Director of Student Recruitment and International Development.

#### 8. Joanne Jacobs

Hook after the Equity and Merit scholarship students from Africa and Bangladesh

#### 9. Alison Redward

I work on recruitment and marketing in South Asia, Russia and Turkey.

### 10. Shayne Langlois

I am the Regional Manager responsible for our work in the United States and Canada.

### 11. Tanya Luff

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

#### 12. Karen Badat

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

#### 13. Shemsah Faroog

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

#### 14. Liz Green

I'm the Regional Manager, responsible for recruitment and marketing in South Asia, Norway, Turkey, Russia and Kazakhstan.

#### 15. 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'm Head of the International Office, and support recruitment from Latin America.

#### Fran Halliwell

I'm the Regional Manager responsible for our work in South East Asia, the Middle East and Africa

### Shaden Jaradat

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

#### Dan Herman

I work on international student recruitment and marketing in the UK, Kazakhstan, Russia and South Asia.

### Ryan Duncan and Daniel Annoot

We are responsible for recruitment and marketing in the United States.

#### Hannah Thompson

I am responsible for recruitment and marketing in Bahrain, Mauritius and South Fast Asia.

#### Laura Edmondson and Tracy Young

We answer your queries to the offer@ and international@email.addresses.

#### Susie Jones

I am responsible for recruitment and marketing in Hong Kong and Taiwan.



















### What's next?

Now that you hold an offer to study at Manchester, we'll 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'll 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** bulletin, detailing the exciting opportunities and experiences that await you in Manchester. Your **Arrival Guide** will be sent in a few months, giving comprehensive details about living and studying in Manchester, with a list of tasks to be completed and schedule for planning.

### 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. Visit

www.manchester.ac.uk/study/masters/admissions or

www.manchester.ac.uk/study/postgraduateresearch/admissions and click 'Track your application'.

### 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 email offer@manchester.ac.uk

### Social media

Connect with us on:

₱ AdmissionsUoM

### Undergraduate admissions enquiries

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