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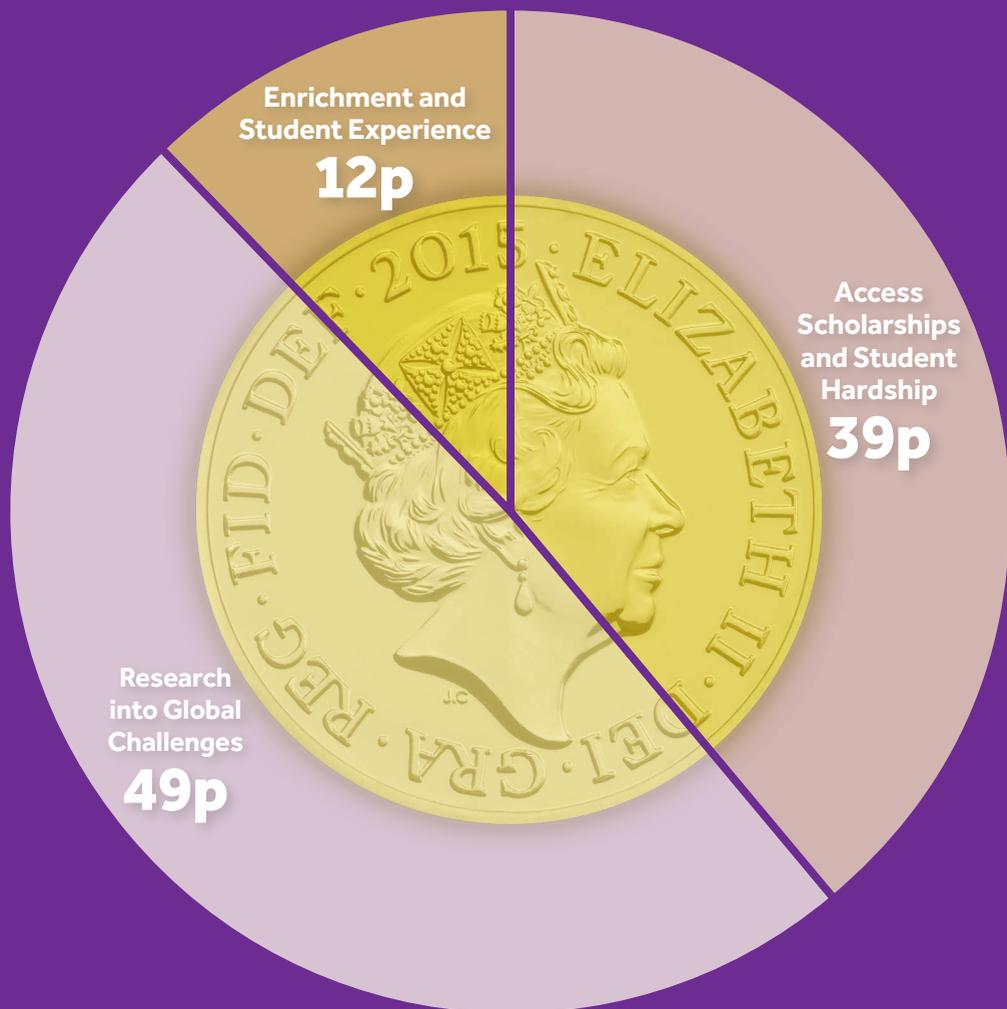
# Thank you from Manchester

“ Through the support of donors like you, more students and researchers are accessing world-class facilities and excellent teaching at The University of Manchester. A record number of alumni and friends have made donations over the last year, helping us reach several important milestones. We welcomed the largest group of scholarship students to campus to date, launched an expanded group of research projects, and helped more students experiencing financial hardship than ever before. Inside Your Impact is a wonderful selection of some of the things you've helped make possible in recent years. I hope you take immense pride in this, for which all of us at the University are very grateful. ”

**Professor Dame Nancy Rothwell**  
**President and Vice-Chancellor**

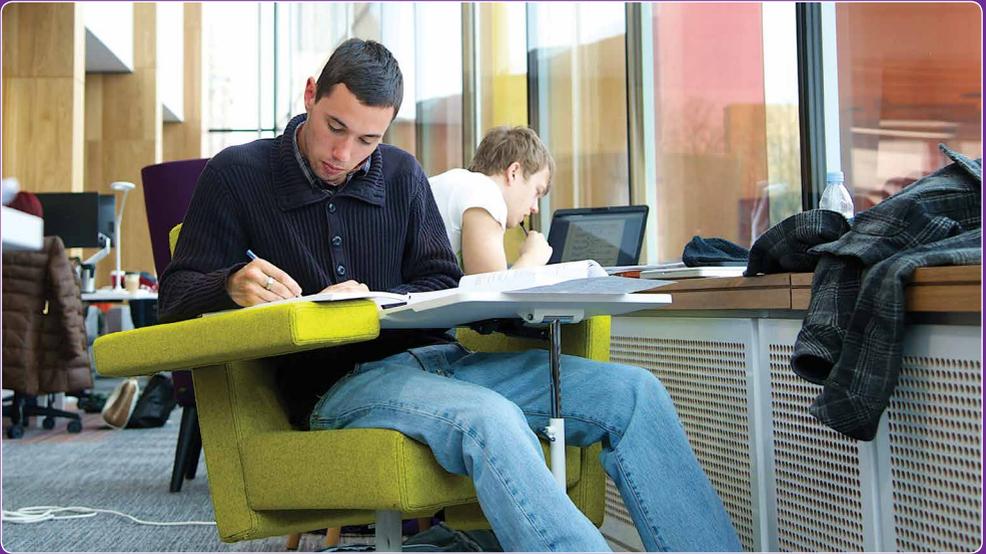


# Where a pound to Manchester goes\*



Every gift to Manchester makes a difference and thousands of people choose to donate to the University every year. Those who choose to allocate their support wherever the need is greatest on campus ensure their gift has the most impact. By combining the support of so many individuals, we have the flexibility to help the students and researchers most in need.

\*Based on disbursement figures from The University of Manchester Regular Giving programme 2015/16.



# We asked. You gave.

## Thousands of donors support student appeals in 2015/16

Last year, the University received an overwhelming response from alumni and donors in support of the current generation of Manchester students. With an astounding 1,000 new gifts from all corners of the globe, donations reached over £126,500 in total, with these gifts collectively providing crucial scholarships for more than 40 disadvantaged students throughout their studies. As the cost of travel, living expenses and other necessary expenditures increase, your gift to support scholarships has meant that talented students, regardless of their background, have the opportunity to further their education and realise their dreams for the future.

As donor numbers continue to grow, more students are benefitting than ever before from scholarships. One of the largest programmes, the Undergraduate Access Scholarships programme, currently supports over 670 students from around Greater Manchester, providing exciting opportunities for many who thought university wasn't a possibility. With the success of the Undergraduate Access Scholarships, and thanks

to donor support, intake is set to grow, with over 225 incoming students each year.

These scholarships reach every corner of the University, from music to medicine, allowing students to find success with a subject they love. For most students, receiving a scholarship not only relieves some of the financial pressures of university, but also gives them the confidence and reassurance that there is a community of individuals who believe in their success.

As well as supporting young talent to access Manchester, donor funds also provide a helping hand to students facing unexpected challenges. The Manchester Hardship Fund provides crucial funding for students who, for various reasons, find themselves in financial difficulty during their studies. This year, 113 students received this emergency funding with the average award of just under £1,000. For many students, this grant means they are able to carry on with their studies, without the worry that they cannot afford to complete their degree. Supported through your gifts, the fund continues to provide a life-line to students who need it the most.

# Thank you

*"I have really enjoyed my first year at The University of Manchester, despite being nervous about university life at first. I have taken a joint pathway of Sociology and Criminology and am enjoying every minute. The support I received this year through my scholarship has meant that I could purchase my own textbooks as well as a travel pass for commuting to and from university, which has been invaluable to my studies. For everyone that has supported me in this first year, thank you for my scholarship. Without your help I would have really struggled to get by. I look forward to seeing what second year brings!"*

**– Kayleigh Kite,  
BA Social Sciences,  
Undergraduate Access  
Scholarship Recipient**



Kayleigh Kite

*"Studying for a course like Adult Nursing meant that alongside lectures and tutorials were intensive placements within the hospital setting. In order to pay my bills and fly home to see my family in Northern Ireland, I had to take up an additional part-time job to make ends meet. I found in my second year I was unable to juggle the demands of work, study and placements, and my marks started to slip. The Manchester Hardship Fund gave me the support to quit my job and really focus on my studies for my final year, which I ended up passing with a high 2:1. I am certain that without this support, I wouldn't have been able to finish my degree. I am now an intensive care nurse and loving every minute of my job. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to gain independence, and concentrate on pursuing my career goals to the best of my ability."*

**– Jayne Noble, BSc Adult Nursing 2015,  
Manchester Hardship Fund Recipient**

*"My undergraduate scholarship has helped me immensely throughout my studies. Before coming to university, I knew the cost of studying would be high and I was initially unsure whether I was capable of university level work. Just knowing there was that support throughout my studies, I felt more confident that I could do it and made me want to be part of such an exciting learning environment. Your support has allowed under-represented students, such as me, to not only attend university but to enjoy it and be successful. Your donations continue to encourage more aspiring students like me to go to university and work towards a rewarding career in the future."*

**– Sharn Smith, BA History,  
Undergraduate Access Scholarship Recipient**

**For more information on any of these stories and to support  
an incoming student this year, go to  
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# Research projects to launch with donor support

Research is underway for PhD student Fabienne Cheung, thanks to a gift from Professor Fanni Bogdanow in 2013. As a child of the Kindertransport in WWII, Professor Bogdanow dedicated



Fabienne Cheung

her life to education, particularly in French, and left a gift in her Will to support budding scholars at Manchester. After receiving a scholarship from the Bogdanow bequest, Fabienne is working towards a PhD in French Literature, examining key autobiographies to build a better understanding of the complex nature of identity and self-writing.

*"Without the award from Professor Bogdanow, pursuing doctoral research would have been impossible for me. Receiving this vital grant allows me to live and study in Manchester, and is essential for my first step into a career in academia. I am so grateful for this support."*

– Fabienne Cheung, PhD French Studies

Thanks to gifts from donors this year, 10 new research projects will launch in September. Research Impact PhD Scholarships give talented researchers the chance to tackle challenges from global inequalities to ovarian cancer.

Carmen Ionita, one of the incoming researchers, is studying Neuroscience. She will examine the relationship between the regions of the brain that control memory and how we process the information around us. By developing a greater understanding of how damage or disease can affect these regions, her work may give doctors the tools to more easily diagnose neurological disorders such as Alzheimer's disease.

*"Conducting my research at Manchester means joining a team of world-leading researchers, and working with state-of-the-art facilities. Thank you for this wonderful opportunity!"*

– Carmen Ionita, PhD Neuroscience and Research Impact Scholarship recipient

## Raising awareness of cancer, thanks to your support

Around 300 teenagers and young adults in the UK die each year from cancer. The student-led Cancer Awareness in Teenagers and Young Adults Society (CATS) at The University of Manchester is looking to change that. CATS developed a campaign that engaged almost 1,000 students through social events and online materials. This autumn, thanks to donor support, every first-year undergraduate

student will receive a bus pass holder featuring five cartoon cats that illustrate some of the most common symptoms of cancer in young people. This means more students will identify the symptoms of these rare diseases and have the courage to seek help should they spot the signs.



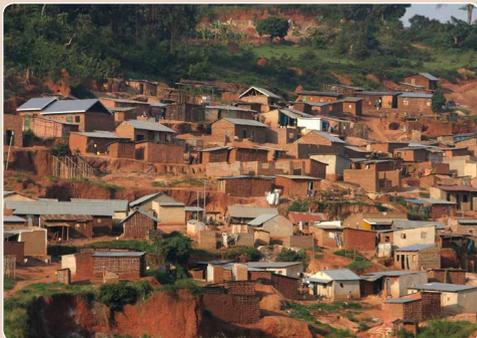
# Building sustainable communities

Andrew Amara is making waves in his home country of Uganda as he uses his Manchester expertise to support urban planning in Kampala. Involved in the start of Town Build, a local planning

and engagement project within the city, Andrew is supporting local low-income neighbourhoods to develop low-cost and durable homes for typically overlooked communities. With his knowledge of the latest material and building solutions, 150 families who would otherwise be pushed into slum housing on the outskirts of the city are becoming involved and engaged in their own sustainable housing project.

*"None of this would have been possible without the generosity of my donors. You have not only educated me, but have set in motion the wheels of change for cities and settlements in Uganda."*

– Andrew Amara, MSc Global Urban Development and Planning 2013, Alan Gilbert Memorial Equity and Merit Scholar

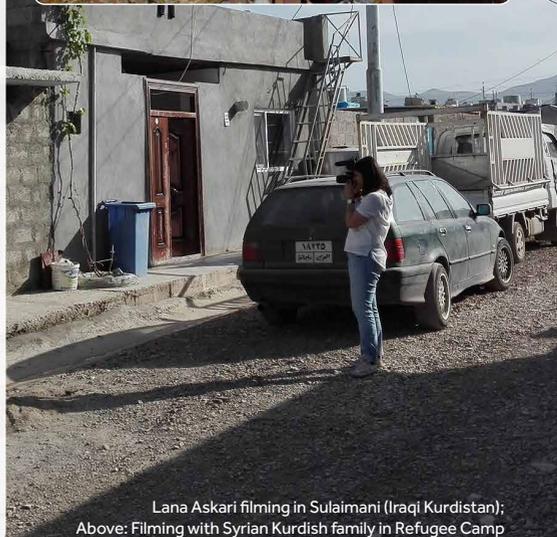


## Untold stories: documenting Kurdish refugees

In societies attempting to rebuild themselves after conflict, it is typically the stories of the displaced that go unheard. Research Impact Scholar Lana Askari is looking to change that by exploring mobility issues amongst returning Kurds in Iraqi-Kurdistan. Over the past few months, Lana has been conducting fieldwork in an area scarcely studied due to conflict and war, thanks to the support of donors. Currently developing a documentary film, Lana travelled to Istanbul and Athens to investigate the routes of Kurdish refugees.

*"Faced with the spillover effects of the conflict in Syria, the Kurdish region is hosting a growing number of Syrian refugees and internally displaced Iraqis, while also dealing with new Kurdish outward migration. Understanding more about migration dynamics could not only prove relevant for government policies in Iraq and Kurdistan, but also for similar countries dealing with issues of redevelopment in post-conflict areas."*

– Lana Askari, PhD Social Anthropology with Visual Media and Research Impact Scholarship recipient



Lana Askari filming in Sulaimani (Iraqi Kurdistan); Above: Filming with Syrian Kurdish family in Refugee Camp

The support of donors like you has changed the lives of thousands of students and researchers at Manchester, and we hope you have enjoyed reading about some of them in this update. To continue making a difference to so many individuals we need your support every year. New legislation has meant that it is becoming increasingly difficult to contact our donors, and it will only get harder in the future. It is essential to the future students and researchers who will benefit from gifts to the University that we are able to stay in touch with as many donors as possible.

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