

Ashburne Hall Accommodation Bursary Application Form Guidelines

It is essential that all applicants read through this important information before completing the Accommodation Bursary Application Form.

1. Background

- 1.1 The University of Manchester wishes to attract and support the very best students, irrespective of their financial situation. To this end it has put in place one of the most generous packages of financial support for undergraduate students in the UK. To find out more about this you can visit: <http://www.manchester.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/student-finance/>
- 1.2 The University also aims to work closely, through its widening participation schemes, with students across the Greater Manchester region to encourage progression into Higher Education.
- 1.3 The **The Ashburne Hall Accommodation Bursary** builds on both of these approaches. It complements and extends our existing packages of generous financial support to award one Accommodation Bursary of £2000 to a local student who meets **a range of background criteria** and who has demonstrated commitment to the University through participation in the Manchester Access Programme. This Accommodation Bursary is kindly funded by the **Alison Uttley 1976 Fund**.
- 1.4 This Accommodation Bursary therefore offers an opportunity for a local student, who is less likely to live in University accommodation, to benefit from life in the Halls of Residence in their first year. The Ashburne Hall Accommodation Bursary contributes £2000 towards the costs of living in Ashburne Hall in the first year of university. This bursary is covered by the Alison Uttley 1976 Fund.

2. Eligibility

- 2.1 Applications for Accommodation Bursary are open to students who:
 - can demonstrate in their application that a first-year place in a community hall will enable them to benefit more fully from their university education than they would otherwise
 - can demonstrate in their application a commitment to participate fully in the life of the hall, which includes a wide range of social, sporting and charitable activities
 - have secured a place to study at The University of Manchester for entry to the **1st year of an undergraduate programme** of study in September 2020. (This includes students who may be studying on the Year 0 for Medicine, Dentistry or Pharmacy and students who are studying the Foundation Year in Engineering, Science or Life Sciences)
 - have participated in and successfully completed the Manchester Access Programme at The University of Manchester. This will be verified by the relevant member of staff at the University.
- 2.2 Although applications from MAP students will be prioritised by the panel, strong applications from other students will be considered if there is funding available.

3. Participating Hall

- 3.1 The accommodation bursary is **only available in Ashburne Hall**, situated on the Fallowfield Campus.
- 3.2 Ashburne Hall offers **catered accommodation** for 41 weeks. During term-time, on Monday - Friday residents will receive breakfast and an evening meal. The rooms available are on corridors, split into single sex areas, with shared bathroom and kitchen facilities. Please see the website below for more information about the hall:
<http://www.accommodation.manchester.ac.uk/search/details/?property=42>
- 3.3 There is one accommodation bursary available for September 2020.
- 3.4 You should read about Ashburne Hall and the Fallowfield Campus on the Accommodation Office website, through the links above.
- 3.5 **Please note:** if you were to be successful in being awarded an accommodation bursary the room allocated will be on a same sex corridor with shared bathroom facilities.

4. Before you apply

- 4.1 The bursary is to provide a student that would not otherwise be able to experience life in a hall community the opportunity to do so. As such the bursary place is for a student who is committed to staying in Halls of Residence full-time and will participate in the life of the hall community. This place is not for a student who only intends to stay the occasional night. A student not making full use of their room will be asked to vacate their room so that the room can be offered to someone who will take full advantage of this opportunity.

5. Applying

- 5.1 To apply for an Accommodation Bursary you will need to complete the **Accommodation Bursary Application Form**.
- 5.2 If you have **already** applied for a place in halls through the Online Electronic Application Form you do not need to do so again, simply state this on the **Accommodation Bursary Application Form** by giving the (approximate) date that you applied.
- 5.3 If you wish to apply for the **Accommodation Bursary, you must complete the Accommodation Bursary Application Form** and your completed application form must be submitted via email to map@manchester.ac.uk by **no later than 11.59pm on Thursday 11th June**.
- 5.4 If you have already applied for accommodation but have **not** listed Ashburne Hall as one of your choices this does not matter. If you are selected for a bursary place the Accommodation Office will automatically transfer your application to Ashburne Hall.
- 5.5 We recognise that you may only want to stay in Halls if you get the bursary, therefore if you have **not** applied for accommodation and only want to stay in University accommodation if you are awarded the Ashburne Hall Bursary then, should you be successful, the Accommodation Office would be in touch with you to communicate next steps.

6. Selection

- 6.1 The Student Recruitment and Widening Participation Team will acknowledge receipt of your application.

- 6.2 As there is only one Accommodation Bursary available, unfortunately it will not be possible to offer a bursary to all who apply. A University and Advisory Group will prioritise a student based on the criteria set out above (section 2.1) as evidenced in the Personal Statement and other information included in the application form.
- 6.3 The successful applicant will be advised if they have been shortlisted for a bursary. This will be a conditional offer dependent on their place being confirmed at the University.
- 6.4 Some students may be advised that they have been added to a waiting list should funding for additional bursaries be available.
- 6.5 The decision of the panel is final.

7. Ongoing Conditions

- 7.1 It is a condition of the award that bursary recipients submit a report of minimum 250 words, detailing their experiences of the hall and how they have contributed to hall life in the Autumn term by Monday 30th November 2020.
- 7.2 A second report should be submitted detailing their experiences in the Spring term by Monday 22nd March 2021.
- 7.3 The Advisory Group would be very interested to receive a further report summarising their experience of hall life over the year by Monday 21st June 2021.