

The background of the entire slide is a photograph of the University of Manchester's main building. The top half shows the upper part of the facade with Gothic-style windows and a central crest. The bottom half shows a large arched entrance where several students are walking. A purple banner is overlaid across the middle of the image, containing the title text.

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The University of Manchester

# CONTEXTUAL ADMISSIONS

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At The University of Manchester, we want to ensure that our student body is representative of the diversity of talent in our communities. We recognise that some of our applicants may have previously faced social, socio-economic or educational disadvantages and the use of contextual information gives admissions tutors a fuller understanding of an applicant's potential to succeed in the context of these barriers. Contextual data is simply additional information considered by our admissions decision-makers alongside your UCAS form. We do not make decisions on the basis of this information alone.

Our contextual data applies to UK applicants under the age of 21 and those over 21 who have been in care for more than three months. This is because contextual data is less relevant for applicants over the age of 21 due to the gap between completing secondary and post-16 education and applying to university. We take a holistic view of applications from mature students and applicants are encouraged to contact the relevant Academic School for guidance on how their application will be considered.

## HOW IS IT USED?

**Contextual data is used to automatically assign flags to applications and additional consideration is then based on these flags:**

Indicator	Measure used	Benefit
<b>WP Flag</b>	Assigned if your postcode shows that you live in a disadvantaged area or area of low participation in higher education.  NB. This does not apply if your home address is that of your boarding/residential school.	Should you meet our standard academic entry criteria, you will receive additional consideration during the selection process e.g. when admissions staff are considering your personal statement, at interview, or after exam results if you narrowly miss your offer.
<b>WP Plus Flag</b>	Assigned if you meet the above postcode measure and also attended a school or college that performed below the national average for GCSE or A-level (or equivalent qualification).	You will receive a contextual offer if you also meet the eligibility criteria detailed overleaf. Contextual offers are one grade lower than the standard offer.
<b>In-care</b>	If you have indicated on your UCAS form that you have been in care for more than three months your application will automatically receive a WP Plus flag.	



## CONTEXTUAL OFFERS

One grade  
below a  
standard offer

Only available for  
UK applicants  
under the  
age of 21  
(or over 21 for those  
who have been in care  
for more than 3 months)

Can be  
combined with  
some access  
schemes

Specific  
eligibility  
criteria must  
be met

No need  
to submit  
further  
information

Communicated  
via UCAS  
track with a  
standard offer

For further information specific to your year of application see  
[www.manchester.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/contextual-admissions](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/contextual-admissions)



## CONTEXTUAL OFFERS: ELIGIBILITY

- Receive a WP Plus Flag or an in-care indicator.
  - WP Plus: must meet criteria based on home postcode and school performance for GCSE or A level (or equivalent).
- Be applying for a course where the minimum entry requirements are ABB and the course is not a Faculty of Science & Engineering foundation course.
- Have predicted grades within 2 grades of the course's minimum entry requirements (or achieved grades within one grade of the minimum requirements).
- Have qualifications and subjects that meet our published entry requirements e.g. if a course requires both Chemistry and Maths, you must be taking both these subjects.
- Successfully complete any additional selection requirements e.g. interview, aptitude test (e.g. UCAT for Medicine).

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