**Terms and Conditions of studentship 2022/23**

**Conditional Offers**

If your offer is conditional on degree results, you must fulfil the conditions of your offer at the latest by 1 December 2022 and the School PGR office must be informed of this. If your offer is conditional on English language assessment or other academic conditions, you will need to satisfy these conditions by 1 August 2022 and, if applicable, before a CAS for visa application can be issued.

**Applications to external funding**

This studentship will be rescinded should you be successful in securing a studentship or substantial award deemed equivalent to a studentship from another funding body eg UK research council, China Scholarship Council, Commonwealth Scholarship Commission. You should declare any confirmed offers of funding with the awarding School. Failure to do so will be a breach of your contractual agreement with the University and the case may be referred to a conduct and disciplinary panel.

In addition, this studentship may not be renewed if you are successful in future external or other internal funding competitions equivalent to this studentship. Awards granted to you at any time during your programme must be declared to the School and your studentship may be amended accordingly.

**Submission Pending Period**

Those who do not submit their thesis for examination within the prescribed programme period may request permission to register for the Submission Pending Period and the studentship is not payable beyond the prescribed programme period.

**Deferral of studies**

Offers of funding are not deferrable. If you cannot start your programme by the date mentioned in your studentship offer letter, the award will be withdrawn. You are permitted to re-apply in future.

**Publications and Acknowledgement**

Any publication, social media or press releases with regards to your research funded by the above studentship must acknowledge the school funding.

**Research Environment**

As a studentship holder, you are expected to be an active member of the postgraduate research community and contribute to the research environment of the School. Studentship holders may be asked to assist the School at postgraduate events such as open days.

**Further opportunities**

In addition to the maintenance stipend and tuition fees payment detailed above, you will have the opportunity to apply for funding towards research training, overseas fieldwork and conferences on a competitive basis. Please refer to your School’s [PGR handbook](https://www.humanities.manchester.ac.uk/pgr-handbook/) for more details.

**Change to programme**

1. The School expects studentship holders to complete their studies in a single continuous period. However, requests for interruption to studies are considered in line with the University’s [Code of Practice for PGR Degrees](http://www.staffnet.manchester.ac.uk/services/rbess/graduate/code/changestodegrees/). Since interruptions involve a period de-registered from the programme, payments to studentship holders would normally be suspended for the relevant period.
2. Payment of the studentship during periods of parental leave, adoption leave or sickness will be determined by the related University policies in the [Code of Practice for PGR Degrees](http://www.staffnet.manchester.ac.uk/services/rbess/graduate/code/changestodegrees/).
3. The School reserves the right to request repayment of all or some of the studentship if a postgraduate researcher does not return from a period of interruption and subsequently withdraws from the programme.
4. Postgraduate researchers may apply for a programme extension under the relevant University policy but the studentship will not normally be extended.
5. The funding level will be adjusted accordingly in the event of academic load change between full- and part-time. Academic load changes are not permitted during the final 6 months of the studentship.
6. For project-specific studentships, Schools reserve the right to determine the continuation of the studentships in the event of an academic load, supervisory team, degree or research topic change.
7. Studentship holders are required to give at least one month’s notice if they intend to withdraw from the programme, take up full-time, paid employment or if they wish to transfer to another institution