

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.

MANCHESTER
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The University of Manchester

CONTEXTUAL ADMISSIONS

WHY AND WHAT?

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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. 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 with the exception of those who have been in care for more than three months and those with refugee status. 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
WP Flag	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.
WP Plus Flag	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. This contextual offer will be one grade lower than the standard offer.
In-care/ refugee status	If you have indicated on your UCAS form that you have been in care for more than three months or have refugee status your application will automatically receive a WP Plus PLUS indicator.	You will receive a contextual offer two grades below the standard offer. Certain restrictions may apply.



CONTEXTUAL OFFERS

Up to two
grades below
standard offer

Only available for UK
applicants
under the age of 21
unless care-
experienced or have
refugee status

Can be combined
with some access
schemes

Specific
eligibility
criteria must
be met

No need to
submit
further
information

Communicated
via UCAS track

For further information specific to your year of application see
www.manchester.ac.uk/contextualdata



CONTEXTUAL OFFERS: ELIGIBILITY

- Receive a WP Plus Flag or an in-care/refugee 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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