Bursary Terms and Conditions

Assessment of bursary entitlement

The Manchester Bursary is available to any full-time UK student who is registered on an eligible undergraduate degree course, has had a full financial assessment carried out by Student Finance, and meets the eligibility criteria relevant to the commencing year of study.

Full-time UK students do not need to apply for Manchester's bursaries separately, but should ensure that they consent to share their financial details with the University when making an application to Student Finance. The Student Services Centre at the University will then be able to automatically identify students who are eligible for University of Manchester support.

The University offers a range of financial support packages (bursaries and scholarships) to eligible UK students who meet the residual household income criteria. For further information see http://www.studentsupport.manchester.ac.uk/finances/funding-opportunities/all/bursaries-and-scholarships/.

Your year of entry to the University of Manchester dictates the bursary package you are assessed to. For example, if you started in year 1 of Chemistry in September 2022 you would be eligible for the bursary package associated with this year of entry. In subsequent years you will be assessed for this same bursary package regardless of whether any changes may occur to the bursary package in future years. Should a student withdraw and re-enter the University of Manchester on a **new** course i.e. a different course to the previous one, you will be reassessed for the Manchester Bursary based on the year of entry to the new course.

The University will take all reasonable steps to maintain the value of the annual financial support packages available to students. However, subject to regulatory approval, the University reserves the right to reduce the value of this support, including for students who have deferred entry and those in the course of study, if there is a reduction in tuition fees payable by reason of change in government policy. In the event of significant changes brought about by government policy review, the Office for Students provides the option for universities to review their access and participation plan and seek approval for a variation which could include a reduction in the level of financial support provided.

Please note you will not receive your bursary for the relevant academic year if your Student Finance assessment has not been completed by 31st May of that academic year.

If you are studying part-time you may be eligible to receive the bursary on a prorated basis.

Payment of Award

Bursaries are paid in the following instalments, 25% in December, 50% in February and 25% in April. Students must register their bank details on the Student System by following the instructions below, which are also available on the web at University Bursaries, Grants and Stipends.

- 1. Log into Student System
- 2. Click on the tile for Student Centre
- 3. Click on the compass pointer in the top right hand corner and select 'Menu' in the toolbars followed by 'Self Service' and then 'Campus Finances'
- 4. Then select 'View Financial Aid' (this page shows your awards for the current academic year)

5. Click the 'Bank Details' button and enter and save your UK bank details. If you have already entered and saved your bank details then the button will not be visible.

It is essential that UK bank account details are entered so we are able to process your award. If you wish to change your bank details please contact the Student Finance Team at the University via the <u>online enquiry form</u>.

Please note if you have not provided your bank details to the University by 31st May of the academic year in question you will not receive your bursary for that academic year.

Withdrawal, interruption or resit without attendance implications

Should a student withdraw from their course, be on a resit without attendance year or interrupt their studies at any point during the academic year their entitlement to the bursaries will cease with immediate effect. In the event that a student returns from an interruption part way through a year the bursary will subsequently be pro-rated. For example: if a student interrupts having already received two bursary payments they will only be entitled to the final third bursary payment on resumption of their course.

Re-assessment of household income by Student Finance

Should Student Finance carry out a re-assessment of a student's circumstances during the course of the academic year, which results in the household income fluctuating between or above the relevant income thresholds then the value of the bursary will be adjusted accordingly.

If a student's household income re-assessment rises above the income threshold at which students are eligible for a bursary then any entitlement to the bursaries will cease with immediate effect.

Students in receipt of NHS support

Students will NOT be eligible to receive the Manchester Bursary in any given academic year in which they are entitled to NHS support, with the exception of Medicine and Dentistry students who receive a lower level of funding when they become eligible for NHS support beyond year 4 of their academic programme.