

Welcome message from the Doctoral  
Academy Leadership Team

# The University of Manchester

Dear Postgraduate Researchers,

A very warm welcome to you all. We are delighted you have chosen the University of Manchester to study for your postgraduate research degree and hope you find it a highly rewarding and enriching experience.

You will soon have the opportunity to interact with your peers and key staff from the Doctoral Academy Team in our Faculty Welcome and Induction Event, and details will be circulated soon.

Further events for our new postgrads will follow in due course, including School and Programme-level Welcome and Induction sessions.

Many of our new postgrads will have arrived in Manchester, whilst a minority of new starters are further afield. Irrespective of your location, please have regular meetings with your supervisory team who will help guide you through what needs to be done in the coming weeks and months.

The [Doctoral Academy](#) oversees all aspects of postgraduate research, from recruitment and admissions, student support to final examinations and the awarding of degrees. Please remember the Doctoral Academy is here to help all postgraduate research students and to make your time at Manchester as enjoyable as possible. You can read more about the Doctoral Academy below.

## International Students

Our international students can find information on the activities of the [University's International Society here](#).

## ORCID

In this digital age, researcher identify is crucial. We would therefore ask our new postgrads to obtain a unique researcher identification (ORCID) number. This will distinguish you from other researchers with the same name (this is particularly important for authorship on publications). You can register for your [ORCID here](#).

## More Important News

It is important we receive constructive feedback from our postgraduate researchers, so please remember that you can provide such feedback to your reps at any time. We would also encourage you to take a proactive role in helping inform how postgraduate research develops within the Faculty, and the most effective way of doing this is to become a postgraduate rep for your Division. Please contact the Doctoral Academy if you are interested in becoming a rep – [doctoralacademy@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:doctoralacademy@manchester.ac.uk)

From the start of your degree programme, each of you will have your programme pathway mapped out on 'eProg', our online system which monitors progression. It is very important that you and your supervisory team meet your eProg milestones, so please regularly check your milestones are up-to-date.

Training is a key element of your postgraduate research degree, which will benefit you whilst you are at Manchester, and throughout life more generally. Please make optimal use of our large array of training courses available to develop both your research and transferrable skills. You can book on training sessions via the Training Catalogue within eProg.

We would like to wish you well with your research and reiterate that your supervisory team, the Doctoral Academy, postgraduate research reps and Advisors are here to offer you support and encouragement throughout your studies.

Best wishes,

**Doctoral Academy Senior Leadership Team**

## Postgraduate Research Reps

Your Postgraduate Research [Reps](#) and the postgrads who oversee the [Doctoral Academy Graduate Society \(DAGS\)](#) are some of the most important individuals we work with within the Faculty. These postgraduates play a key part in developing and enhancing the postgraduate research community and improving the student experience. We would like to stress the outstanding contribution these postgrads have made to improving the postgrad environment within our Faculty.