

Why scholarship applications succeed

Applying for a scholarship is a very competitive process which means that we usually have to reject some applicants who meet all the criteria but whose applications were not as strong as others. This means that there was not necessarily anything missing in your application but your experience or motivations might not have been as extensive or compelling as others who apply.

That being said some applications are ruled ineligible for the following reasons and so are not considered further. Applications do not meet our criteria for one or more of the following reasons;

- Insufficient work experience
- Inappropriate academic qualification at undergraduate level for the course for which you were applying
- Performance at undergraduate level not sufficiently high
- Previous study outside of your home country
- Or simply not providing all the required documents

We would advise you to please check first that you are eligible for the scheme. You can have a look at the criteria on our [web pages](#).

If you're planning to apply for the next round of scholarships then it may be helpful to know more about why our successful candidates are chosen.

- Successful candidates show they've researched the master's course and their choices are coherent & well explained. Information on course content, modules etc. is also available on our [web site](#), under the full list of available courses.
- Successful candidates explain clearly how studying a master's at Manchester is relevant to their future career.
- Successful candidates have a realistic but ambitious career plan and identify clear goals that can be achieved through study at The University of Manchester.
- Successful candidates clearly explain how the course will enable them to have **influence and make changes** in their work and home country. They show how they intend to make a difference. Have a look at the information on our [Social Responsibility pages](#) to see how our previous students have contributed to this agenda.

Have a look at our other notes for more guidance.

Personal Statements: <http://man.ac.uk/V2HdvP>

References: <http://man.ac.uk/81PHXj>