

Decision Manchester FAQ for Schools and Colleges

The Manchester Access Programme (MAP) is aimed at bright local students who are less likely to progress into leading universities compared to our current student population.

The aim of the Programme is to support MAP students into a research-intensive university through a variety of activities and workshops that take place through the year – starting in around February of Year 12 and finishing in October of Year 13.

Students who complete MAP are eligible to receive a reduced offer of up to two A-level grades (or equivalent) below the standard entry offer at The University of Manchester. MAP also offers them the unique chance to get an early offer from The University of Manchester (through Decision Manchester) and a scholarship should they go on to study at The University of Manchester.

Decision Manchester:

What is Decision Manchester?

Decision Manchester is a chance for students who are on track to complete MAP to get an early decision from The University of Manchester. This reassures students that they are definitely going to be given an offer by UoM, or gives them a chance to reconsider their options if they are unsuccessful.

What will I/my college need to do for Decision Manchester?

The MAP team will request the predicted grades for students who have chosen to go through Decision Manchester. Please ensure that these are submitted as early as possible so as not to delay the student's Decision Manchester application.

One of our students says they are unable to meet the college's internal UCAS deadline, why is this?

Most MAP students choose to go through Decision Manchester. Decision Manchester forms are sent off to the Admissions Tutors and it is down to them as to how long the decision will take. This means that it is very likely that students may not be able to meet internal college deadlines. MAP students should **not** apply through UCAS until they have heard back from Decision Manchester.

As you are aware early applications to UCAS do not give students a better chance of an offer. It is policy that all universities consider applications for most courses made before 26th January equally. Applications for Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary Science, or for Oxford or Cambridge University have an early deadline of 15th October.

Please ensure that appropriate colleagues know which students are likely to meet internal college UCAS deadlines to avoid students being put under undue pressure. If your colleagues have any queries they are welcome to contact the MAP team on: map@manchester.ac.uk