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**Election of the  
Chancellor 2022**





**Manchester was the first and most eminent of England's civic universities. Our rich heritage of discovery, social change and pioneering spirit remains at the heart of all we do.**

Today, we are part of the prestigious Russell Group of UK universities and a place where research has international impact, where students experience outstanding teaching and learning, transforming into employable graduates, and where all activity is enriched by a commitment to social responsibility, equality, diversity and inclusion, and the benefits we bring to society and the environment. The University will celebrate its bicentenary in 2024.

Our pioneering discoveries include the work of Tom Kilburn, Freddie Williams and Alan Turing on the modern computer and the development of modern economics by trailblazers Sir John Richard

Hicks and Sir William Arthur Lewis. The latter, on his appointment at Manchester, was Britain's first Black professor. Manchester also led the way with the appointment of the first Professor of Nursing in England and the establishment of the country's first nursing degree.

The University can count 25 Nobel Prize winners among current and former staff and students, including Andre Geim, Kostya Novoselov and John Sulston. Iconic appointments amongst the current staff include novelist Jeanette Winterson, historian Michael Wood, economists Jim O'Neil and Rachel Griffith, physicist and TV presenter Brian Cox, author and journalist

Gary Younge, and broadcaster and historian David Olusoga.

Our student community is one of the largest in the UK. We have over 40,000 students studying at the University and we are proud to welcome almost 14,000 international students to our community from over 180 countries – more than a quarter of the student body. We have approximately 13,000 academic and professional services staff (many leaders in their fields, with international reputations), and an annual income of circa £1 billion.



### The role of the Chancellor

The Chancellor is the ceremonial head of and vital ambassador for the University, working with the President and Vice-Chancellor and other senior officers to promote the University regionally, nationally and internationally.

The Chancellor is guided in their work by our vision and strategic plan as set out in *Our future*. This builds on a rich heritage of almost two centuries of social change and pioneering spirit that is at the heart of our University.

In fulfilling this role, the Chancellor can exercise considerable discretion in determining the particular area or field where they wish to focus their efforts, in order to ensure that the University gains the maximum benefit from their own interests and local, national or international networks. They could, for example, decide to focus on a particular audience (e.g. students, business, the local community, alumni or international partners) or around teaching and learning, the social responsibility agenda or a specific topic or research field (e.g. science, healthcare, addressing inequality or the arts). The Chancellor needs to fully subscribe to the University's values as set out in *Our Future*.

The amount of time that the Chancellor would be expected to commit to University activities is very flexible and could be adjusted to suit the personal circumstances or professional commitments of the individual. Ideally, we would like the Chancellor to visit the campus at least a couple of times each year. This would include the Chancellor presiding at our Foundation Day, which is held in October each year, this is the most prestigious ceremonial event in our calendar and includes the conferment of honorary degrees.



The Chancellor is sometimes asked to preside at other student and honorary degree ceremonies, and to chair the General Assembly – the body which provides the interface between the University and its stakeholders in the wider community. There are two Pro-Chancellors, who act as deputies for the Chancellor, and they can perform these duties on the Chancellor's behalf if they are unavailable. The Chancellor will also play a key role in championing the proposed University-wide fundraising and engagement campaign.

The current Chancellor of the University is the author and broadcaster Mr. Lemn Sissay OBE. He was appointed on 1 August 2015 and his term of office will come to an end on 31 July 2022. Tom Bloxham, Sir Terry Leahy and Anna Ford were Lemn's immediate predecessors.



### Electoral process

The Chancellor is elected for a single term of a maximum of seven years from an electoral roll of approximately 240,000, including staff and registered graduates of the University.

To be eligible to stand, the candidate needs to give their assent and have the support of at least 20 members of our University community. Nominations will open on Monday, **14 February 2022**. The University welcomes candidates from all backgrounds, regardless of Protected Characteristics as defined by the Equality Act, 2010.

The Chancellor would need to be available to attend an installation ceremony at a date to be determined in October 2022.







### **The University has three core goals, research and discovery, teaching and learning, and social responsibility.**

Today, nearly half of our academic and research staff work on interdisciplinary research. Our five research beacons – advanced materials, cancer, energy, global inequalities and industrial biotechnology – are examples of how our cross-sector partnerships are helping to find unique solutions to some of the world's biggest challenges.

In the most recent (2021) influential and prestigious Academic Ranking of World Universities survey conducted by Shanghai Jiao-Tong University, the University is ranked 5th in the UK and 35th in the world, confirming our status as a world-leading institution.

World-class research forms the foundation of all our teaching and we offer more than 1,000 degree programmes across undergraduate, postgraduate taught and research. These programmes inspire learners with challenging ideas, knowledge and wisdom, and help them develop the capabilities employers need most. So it is no surprise that we were named University of the year for graduate employment (*The Times and Sunday Times* Good University Guide, 2020).

We were the first British university to set social responsibility as a core goal and in 2021 we were named the world's number one university in the Times Higher Education University Impact Rankings. Manchester topped the table of more than 1,100 universities from 94 countries on action taken towards the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The University is ideally placed to address many of the world's major social and environmental challenges. Our interdisciplinary teams are continually collaborating and evolving their research to find solutions to the UN's 17 Sustainable Development Goals, delivering a healthier, fairer and greener world.

Our people and our values are at our heart, and our themes of innovation, civic engagement and global influence underpin all that we do.

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