

Equity & Merit Scholarships: Accommodation

University Accommodation

You are guaranteed an offer of accommodation in university halls, provided that:

- You are coming to university alone;
- You hold an unconditional firm offer of study;
- You submit an application for accommodation before the 31 August deadline.

Conditional and unconditional offer holders can apply for accommodation now, but you will only be allocated accommodation when you have accepted your unconditional offer.

You should *make an online application as soon as possible* to secure a place; even if you are thinking of going into the private sector, you should apply as a safeguard. There's lots of information on the [Accommodation](#) website about the various room options and their costs.

You'll have access to a wide range of support services to ensure your time with us is as safe and enjoyable as possible, including:

- 24/7 security with CCTV and patrolling officers. You can contact Campus Support and Security at any time using the number provided on the back of your student ID card.
- A dedicated ResLife team made up of postgraduate students and staff who provide support and guidance to help you make the most of your time living in halls.
- The University offers a [wide range of support](#), from academic and financial aid to our [Counselling and Mental Health Service](#).
- Our Domestic Teams clean common areas and shared kitchens every week; although it's up to you to do your own washing up and make sure each space is clean enough for the teams to access. This may differ in some of our partner halls, so please check with your reception.

Be advised, not all halls are available from September to September. When you apply for accommodation, please ensure you **apply for September to September**. If you apply for September to June/July, you will need to move out and make your own arrangements for the additional period.

- Most UoM accommodation agreements start between **6 and 21 September 2025**, but please check your own agreement so that you know exactly what you are signing up to.
- For advice and guidance, you can email: accommodation@manchester.ac.uk.
- For further information, please visit: www.accommodation.manchester.ac.uk.

The step by step guidance on how to apply for accommodation can be found [here](#). The Accommodation Office will process your application and then email you an offer. When you receive your offer of accommodation you will need to decide quickly whether you wish to accept the room; **the offer expires within 4 days from the date that it is emailed to you.**

Please note that you will **not** have to make the £400 advance licence fee payment to secure your room. When an offer is sent to you, you will be required to accept the terms and conditions as explained in the offer email. The Accommodation Office send reminder emails if the offer is not accepted within a specific timeframe. If you receive this email, which will include reference to making a payment please do not ignore this but refer to the offer email and **follow the instructions on accepting the offer**. If you do not do this the offer will be removed and you will lose your guaranteed offer of accommodation

Unhappy with your accommodation offer?

Unfortunately, due to the number of applications received, you are only guaranteed an offer of a room within a hall of residence, not necessarily one of your five accommodation preferences.

You are unlikely to be offered another room, so you will either:

- need to find alternative accommodation within the private sector, or
- you can request to transfer rooms from October. Transfers are not guaranteed and are dependent on vacancies becoming available.

Remember: If you do not accept the offer of accommodation before the offer expiry date, your offer will be withdrawn, and you will lose your guarantee of accommodation.

IMPORTANT Leaving Halls

Be advised that, if you decide to leave the hall to move to the private sector after you have accepted an offer of accommodation, you will remain responsible for your full residence fees as stipulated in your accommodation licence agreement until the Accommodation Office is able to find another student to take your room, this can take some time.

Private Accommodation

Some of our previous scholars have in the past rented a house together. If this is something you would like to consider, then we suggest that you get together and discuss this with the other selected scholars. You should also speak with our current scholars, when they contact you, as they can advise you from their perspective and experience of living in the UK.

Please bear in mind, if you decide to rent in the private sector, you will likely be required to pay an upfront deposit and/or provide a guarantor; unfortunately, we cannot be your guarantor. Additionally, you will need to pay bills including gas, electricity and water which if you stay on campus are all covered in University halls.

We strongly suggest that you visit [Manchester Student Homes](#) to investigate your options; it is a **FREE**, university-run housing service for students which provides:

- Details of privately rented properties
- Independent housing advice
- Information about finding accommodation
- Free contract checking service

They can also help you find private landlords that have been awarded the International Friendly Standard (meaning they will not need a UK-based guarantor). Be sure to have a look at the private halls or properties that have an '**International Friendly Operator**' symbol, these do not require upfront payment. However, you will have to double check if they require a guarantor which we cannot be for you.



Accommodation Payments

Your maintenance allowance (stipend) is intended to cover the cost of accommodation and all living expenses.

We will pay you your scholarship maintenance allowance (stipend) in instalments across the year, usually at the beginning of October, January and April.

You will be expected to pay your own accommodation costs from the maintenance allowance regardless of whether you stay in a university hall, a private hall or rented accommodation.

If you stay in university halls, you will be expected to set up a direct debit payment which is collected on the following dates in 2025/26 academic year:

- 28 October 2025
- 21 January 2026
- 29 April 2026

If you stay in a private hall or rented accommodation, you will need to make your own payment arrangements with the hall or landlord. Be aware that this will likely be due monthly so you will need to factor this in when managing your funds.

Once again, apply for accommodation as soon as possible, do not wait!

P.S. Please let us know when you have applied and secured accommodation.