

## Equity & Merit Scholarships: Accommodation

### University Accommodation

You are **guaranteed one offer** of a room in University-owned or University-arranged **halls, if all of the following apply:**

- You are coming to the UK **alone**
- You **accept an unconditional offer** from the University
- You **apply for accommodation by 31 August**

### If you have a conditional offer:

You can apply now, but accommodation will only be assigned **after** your offer becomes unconditional.

**Apply as early as possible.** Even if you plan to live in private accommodation; it's a good backup option.

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### Search and apply for accommodation

Visit the [Accommodation Webpages](#) for everything you need to know about applying for accommodation at Manchester:

- You can view all our [accommodation options](#).
- Apply using our [online application form](#).
- You can choose up to **five accommodation preferences**.
- Unfortunately, we cannot always guarantee your preferences; you're only guaranteed an offer of a room.
- The Accommodation Office will email you an offer.
- Ensure you're happy with everything included in the offer before you accept the room
- You must **accept the offer within 4 days**, or it will be withdrawn.
- Where possible, we try to place you in one of your five preferred halls, but this is not guaranteed.

### Important

- Please be aware that if you don't accept the offer of accommodation before the expiry date, it will be withdrawn, and you'll lose your accommodation guarantee with The University of Manchester.
  - As a scholarship holder, the £400 advance payment will not be required to secure your room.
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## Accommodation Contracts

- Most university accommodation contracts start **between 12–20 September 2026**
  - Not all halls run **September to September**
  - Always choose **September to September** if available (51 weeks)
    - If you choose **September–June/July**, you must arrange accommodation for the remaining months yourself
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## Support in University Halls

Our halls of residence offer more than just a place to live – they're thriving communities where many students make friends for life.

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

- **24/7 campus security**, including CCTV and patrolling officers
- a dedicated **ResLife team** offering support and advice
- **weekly cleaning** of shared kitchens and common areas
- dedicated **study spaces** with computers
- accommodation **reps**
- student led **events**

See [Life at Halls](#) for more details.

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## If You Are Not Happy with Your Offer

Due to high demand:

- You are unlikely to receive another offer

Your options are:

- Find **private accommodation**, or
- Request a **room transfer from October**  
(Transfers are not guaranteed and depend on availability)

Note:

- If you do not accept your offer by the deadline, it will be withdrawn.
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### **Leaving University Halls Early**

If you accept the accommodation offer and later change your mind, you may cancel the Agreement if you:

- a) Have not yet taken up occupation of the Accommodation; and
- b) Notify the Accommodation Office in writing of your wish to do so.

**However**, if you accept a university room and later decide to move to private accommodation after the start of your contract:

- You must continue paying rent **until another student takes your room**
  - This may take time, so you could be charged for weeks or months after leaving.
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### **Private Accommodation (Off-Campus)**

Some students choose to rent privately, sometimes with other scholars.

Before choosing private accommodation, note:

- You may need to pay a **deposit**
- You may need a **UK-based guarantor** (the University cannot be your guarantor)
- You must pay **utility bills** (gas, electricity, water), which are included in university halls rent.

**Helpful Resource:** [Manchester Student Homes](#) is a **free university housing service** for students offering:

- Private rental listings from accredited providers
- Independent housing advice
- Contract checks
- Advice on resolving issues with your house or accommodation provider
- Information on International Friendly landlords

You should check their website regularly if you want to secure private accommodation.

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### **Paying for Accommodation**

Your **scholarship maintenance allowance (stipend)** is meant to cover:

- Accommodation
- Food
- Transport
- All living expenses

## Paying Rent

**University halls:** payment by direct debit on:

- 27 October 2026
- 20 January 2027
- 28 April 2028

**Stipend payments:** paid in monthly instalments throughout the year so you must ensure you have sufficient funds available for your accommodation payments

**Private accommodation:** payments are usually **monthly** and arranged directly with the landlord or hall.

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## Final Reminders

- Apply for accommodation **as soon as possible**.
- Carefully read and respond to all offer emails swiftly before the set deadline.
- Tell us once you have applied for and secured accommodation, whichever you decide.

## Useful Contacts

- Email: [accommodation@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:accommodation@manchester.ac.uk)
- Web: [www.accommodation.manchester.ac.uk](http://www.accommodation.manchester.ac.uk)