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## 1. Accept Your Academic Offer

- Log in to the self-service portal and accept your offer if you have not already done this.
  - You will receive details about your start-of-year arrangements from the University and your academic department.
  - You can also visit the University's [Get Ready](#) and [Welcome & Induction](#) webpages for useful information.
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## 2. Activate Your IT Account

- Your University ID number is noted on your academic offer letter.
  - As part of the admissions process you will be sent instructions on how to [activate your IT account](#) – please action this as soon as possible.
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## 3. Accommodation - Apply Now

- All undergraduate students are guaranteed a room in University halls.
  - We strongly recommend choosing **University accommodation** rather than private housing because:
    - Bills and insurance are included
    - You will have access to a wide range of University support services.
  - Please read this [Accommodation Information](#) document for full details of your options and apply as soon as you can.
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## 4. Applying for Your Visa

- **Right to Study Check**
  - You can only apply for your visa after you receive your CAS (Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies).
  - To receive your CAS, you must:
    - Accept your unconditional offer, and
    - Complete the Right to Study Check.
  - Your department will ask you to upload a scan of your passport. Please do this quickly so they can complete the check.
- **Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS)**
  - Look out for an email about your draft CAS.
  - Check your details carefully and confirm them.

- Your CAS will be issued from mid to late June and will be emailed to you 3–4 months before your course begins.
- **Visa Application**
  - Once you receive your CAS, you can apply for your student visa online.
  - Check the University's [Visa Guidance](#) webpage for step-by-step instructions.
- **Immigration Health Surcharge (IHS)**
  - You must pay the IHS to access the UK's free healthcare (NHS).
  - The cost is £776 per full year, so you will need to pay:
    - £2,238 for a 3-year bachelor's programme
    - £3,104 for a 4-year bachelor's programme
  - TB test ([if required](#))

You must read the information on the [UKVI website](#) about the healthcare surcharge.

- **Digital Visa (eVisa)**
  - You will receive a digital visa (eVisa) which is linked to your passport.
  - You can only access your eVisa through a UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI) online account.
  - You will be able to view your eVisa and generate share codes to prove your immigration status using the UK Government's 'View and prove your immigration status' service.

Please carefully read all the information on our website about [eVisas](#) before you travel.

### Need Help?

If you have any questions, email:

- [visa@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:visa@manchester.ac.uk) (Student Immigration Team)
- Copy your message to: [equityandmerit@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:equityandmerit@manchester.ac.uk)

## 5. Advance Payment & Bank Account

### Advance Payment

- Your visa, international health surcharge and TB test costs are included in your scholarship.
- We will be in touch separately by email to understand your specific situation and how we can arrange an advance payment to you / for you.

### Opening a UK Bank Account

- It is likely to be very difficult for you to open an **online UK bank account** before you travel. We understand that tighter restrictions have been put in place and there are now no online banks that allow overseas applicants to open accounts without a UK address.

- Once in the UK, we can help you to open a UK bank account.
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## 6. Flights

The Humanitarian Scholarship does not cover the cost of flights to or from the UK. However, due to difficulties faced by previous scholars with visa regulations/requirements for transit visas, we can book your flight for you and deduct the cost from your stipend. **We will be in touch with you about this early July.**

### Airport Support Service

The University offers an Airport Support Service to new University of Manchester international students arriving at Manchester International Airport.

- located in the Arrivals Terminals
- between 8am and 8pm
- Wednesday 16 September to Friday 18 September 2026

Our representatives will be wearing The University of Manchester purple clothing and holding signs.

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## 7. Register as a Student

### Student Verification

- Part I: This will be completed when you upload your passport for the Right to Study Check.
- Part II: You will receive an email from the University asking you to provide your eVisa share code and your boarding pass/flight tickets. You will be unable to complete this step until you have arrived in the UK.

### Registration

- You will receive an email invitation (usually after 1 September) to complete the **10-step registration process** online; however, you will be unable to complete all 10 steps until the student verification has been completed.

### UoM Student Card

- Upload a photo to your My Manchester Portal.
- You will then receive an appointment to collect your student card on campus.

### Students' Union Membership

- You automatically become a member after registration. You may opt out within the first 10 days.

### Bank Letter

- After completion of registration, you will receive a **bank letter** to your UoM email account.
  - You can use it to open a UK bank account or apply for Council Tax exemption if in private accommodation.
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## 8. Health

- Register with a **GP (doctor)** as soon as possible so you can access non-emergency healthcare.
- Once you know your UK address, use the [NHS website](#) to find your local GP.
- Some GPs may ask you to wait until you arrive in the UK.
- You can also register with the [University GP Service](#) on campus.

**If you have any health conditions or need extra support, please tell us now so we can be prepared to assist you.**

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## Process Checklist

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| ▪ Accept your offer   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ▪ Activate your IT account  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ▪ Apply for Accommodation   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ▪ Complete the Right to Study Check                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ▪ Apply for your visa   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ▪ Open UK Bank Account  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ▪ After arrival in the UK, complete<br>Step 2 of Student Verification | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ▪ Register as a student   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ▪ Upload your photo for UoM Student Card                              | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ▪ Register with a GP  | <input type="checkbox"/> |