




The University of Manchester

GRADUATION CELEBRATIONS

July 2023

A portrait of Professor Dame Nancy Rothwell, an older woman with short blonde hair, wearing a dark blue zip-up jacket with white stripes on the sleeves. She has her arms crossed and is smiling slightly. The background is a solid blue color.

“Use your head,
but follow your heart.”

Professor Dame Nancy Rothwell,
President and Vice-Chancellor
of The University of Manchester

Congratulations

from the President and Vice-Chancellor

I welcome you all – students, family members and friends – to The University of Manchester for this graduation congregation.

This is a time of celebration and I hope you enjoy this special occasion. For those of you with us today, this is also a perfect moment to reflect on your time here at Manchester, to think about your successes, achievements and the excitement of the next stage of your journey. The University shares with you a great sense of pride in your effort and dedication.


I encourage you to take charge of your future, find your voice and form your own opinions. Have confidence in the knowledge and experience you have gained during your time here and, as you approach the stage, know that you are ready to take on your next challenge and shape your own future.

These ceremonies mark not the end of your relationship with the University but the start of a new chapter. You are now part of a worldwide network and it is my hope that the links between you and the University will grow stronger as you become an active member of one of the largest global alumni communities.

I wish you every success for the future and hope that you have a truly memorable day.



Professor Dame Nancy Rothwell

A portrait of Nazir Afzal OBE, Chancellor of The University of Manchester. He is a middle-aged man with dark hair, wearing glasses and a dark blue blazer over a white shirt. He has his arms crossed and is looking directly at the camera with a slight smile. The background is a blurred, textured wall.

“You've learned to
exceed the expected
and to go above and
beyond what's needed.”

Nazir Afzal OBE
Chancellor of The University of Manchester

Message from Nazir Afzal OBE, Chancellor

**When you joined the University you became part
of a community that works hard to make the
world a better place.**

While you may have chosen Manchester for its courses and renowned academics, you quickly discovered that your university experience was about so much more. You realised you belonged here.

You learned to exceed the expected and to go above and beyond what's needed. And you did so during some of the most challenging times in recent history. Today is a chance to celebrate your achievements as we recognise the hard work and determination you've shown throughout your time here.

As I reflect on my first year as Chancellor, I am reminded of the important role that community plays in our lives. The Manchester community has already been a great source of inspiration and encouragement for me, and this ceremony is the perfect example of this — a day for friends, families and peers to come together, celebrate your incredible achievements and make lasting memories.

As you prepare to leave us, know that you will always belong here. You're joining an alumni community that spans the globe — and they all carry a part of Manchester with them. I hope the University has prepared you well for your next chapter, whether that's starting your career, getting set for further study or planning new adventures. As you go out into the world, you'll meet plenty of members of our Manchester family, and I encourage you to stay in touch with this valuable alumni network and remain connected with our campus.

I wish you every success for the future. Our world needs progressive, conscientious and compassionate people like you. I am sure you will continue to make us proud.

Nazir Afzal OBE

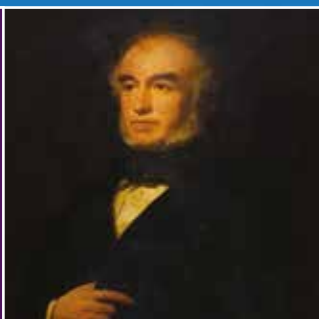
Leading the way

Throughout our history, Manchester has helped shape the world through knowledge, wisdom and humanity. Our staff and alumni instil in our students and graduates a desire to improve people's lives through research, teaching and social responsibility, investing in the future of others.

1874

Edward Ryley Langworthy

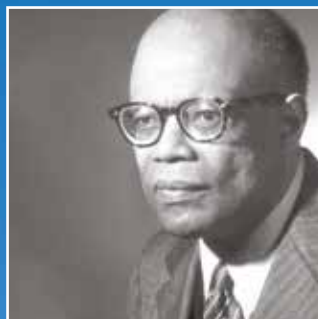
The Langworthy Chair, a position later held by five Nobel Prize laureates, is created by the legacy of this donor to the University.



1979

Sir Arthur Lewis

Britain's first Black professor, Arthur Lewis wins the 1979 Nobel Prize for Economics.



1906

Dame Christabel Pankhurst DBE

Prior to her role in the suffragette movement, she graduates in law at a time when it was illegal for women to practise the profession.



1948

Prof Alan Turing OBE FRS

The famed wartime codebreaker joins the University, where he later gains a reputation as the father of modern computing.



1908

Sir Ernest Rutherford OM FRS

This pioneer of chemistry and physics, who would later 'split' the atom, becomes the University's first Nobel Prize winner in 1908.



1945

Ellen Wilkinson

Ellen Wilkinson is appointed as Britain's first female minister for education. As a student she won scholarships for every stage of her education.



1998

Prof Brian Cox OBE FRS

Graduating in Physics, Brian Cox starts a scientific career that has seen him become a household name through his work to popularise science.



2023

Ella Podmore MBE

Aged just 27, materials engineer Ella Podmore receives an MBE from the Prince of Wales for services to Engineering, Innovation and Diversity.



2004

Prof Alan Gilbert AO

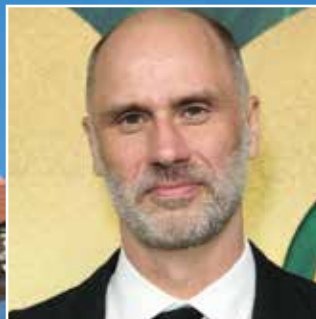
Alan Gilbert is appointed President and Vice-Chancellor in 2004, later establishing Equity and Merit Scholarships and the Manchester Access Programme.



2019

Jesse Armstrong

Author and screenwriter Jesse Armstrong wins the first of his five Emmy awards for his satirical drama *Succession*. It receives widespread critical acclaim.



2006

Prof Danielle George MBE

Danielle George is awarded her PhD. Ten years later she receives an MBE for her services to promote public engagement in engineering.



2017

Naa Acquah

Naa Acquah is named General Secretary of the Students' Union – the first Black woman to hold the position.





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**Their spirit was forged at
The University of Manchester.
Their ideas will light up the world.**

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Highlights

2022-23

Student recognised at House of Lords

Jesy Luyengi, a mathematics student at Manchester, was recognised at the Student Social Mobility Awards ceremony at the House of Lords for the raft of high-profile activities he's undertaken while studying, including acting as the national finance director of the 93% Foundation, the largest state-educated social mobility network.



Foundation Day celebrations see Nazir Afzal OBE installed as new University Chancellor

The University's annual Foundation Day celebrations saw honorary graduates recognised for their contributions and former Chief Crown Prosecutor for North West England, Nazir Afzal OBE, officially become Manchester's new Chancellor. Celebrated every October, Foundation Day marks the 2004 merger of the Victoria University of Manchester and The University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology (UMIST).



New national prize for AI named in University's honour

A new prize for research in the field of artificial intelligence was named in honour of The University of Manchester's 1948 invention of the first stored program computer, known as 'The Baby'.

The prize of £1 million, named the Manchester Prize, will be awarded every year for the next ten years with the aim of encouraging AI research in the UK.



Professor David Olusoga OBE receives BAFTA Special Award

University of Manchester
Professor David Olusoga OBE was presented with a BAFTA Special Award at the annual BAFTA Television Awards for his outstanding contribution to television.

With a three-decade career spanning the creative arts and academia, presenter, broadcaster, filmmaker, author and historian Olusoga has been a trailblazer for the television industry, leading a reappraisal of how history has been traditionally told through popular culture.



Climate change impact through 50,000 Actions and Living Lab nominated for Earthshot prize

More than 40,000 staff and students at The University of Manchester were nominated for The Earthshot Prize for their practical action on climate change. In the last two years, the University has saved CO₂ through active travel, shaped municipal climate change policy, increased biodiversity and enabled ethical consumption while empowering and equipping the future workforce of a net zero world.



Manchester remains the favourite university of UK's top employers

The University of Manchester has retained its position as the most targeted university by the UK's top 100 recruiters.

Compiled by High Fliers Research, *The Graduate Market* report is the largest and most authoritative annual careers survey of final year students at the UK's 30 leading universities. Featuring in the top spot for two years running, Manchester was praised for its range of university careers fairs, on-campus employer presentations, virtual events, careers service promotions and initiatives.



Times Higher Education
Impact Rankings
2023 TOP 10

Manchester named number one in Europe for social impact

The University of Manchester was named number one in the UK and Europe, and number two in the world for social and environmental impact in the *Times Higher Education (THE)* Impact Rankings 2023.

Manchester's commitment to achieving the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals is unmatched. We're the only university in the world to rank in the top ten for social and environmental impact in every year of the *THE* Impact Rankings.



Stellify Award winners

The Stellify Award is the University's most prestigious extracurricular accolade. It's presented to students who have successfully engaged with the University's Ethical Grand Challenges, undertaken 25 hours (or more) of community volunteering and fulfilled two leadership roles.

In 2023, the students who have achieved the Stellify Award are as follows.

Faculty of Biology, Medicine and Health

Muhammad Abdullah
Mahsa Ahmadi
Eman Ahmed
Sanah Ahmed
Tala Al Husari
Laetitia Alexandratos
Sajid Ali
Mariam Alrawi
Nethmi Melania
Angampita Withanage
Marie-Therese Angus
Neha Appat
Nurul Aqeela
Ella Ashton
Alena Azam
Elaf Azzabi
Alex-Stefan Balint
Grace Battarbee
Ishita Bobba
Rebecca Boccola
Ling Boon
Hetty Breed
Daniel Brown
Lucrezia Brunetti
Gozde Caan
Lilly Cartwright-Tams
Christina Charalambous
Rachel Chen
Wang Chun Cheung

Shamim Choudhury
Ayesha Choudry
Dewan Saimah Chowdhury
Chi Yan Chu
Libby Cooper
Patrick Corrigan
Geidy Delgado Jaramillo
Micol Dellavalle
Katie Desmond
Lora Dobrev
Dhruti Doddaballapur
Andrea Dominguez Palacios
Sophie Douglas
Tomasz Drobkiewicz
Elise Edi Razman
Youssef Elbehairy
Nicola Falconer
Serena Fathers
Mila Filipova
Hannah Ford
Paola Garran Garcia
Miguel Gonzalez-Valdes Tejero
Kevin Graham Ballesteros
Syeda Haider
Lauren Hargreaves
Alicia Hayden
Franco Herrera Zuniga
Francesca Hodgetts
Riley Horan
Ella Ishmael

Yuki Iwama
Jennifer Jones
Phoebe Jones
Chiho Kambara
Hannah Kennedy
Aneesa Khalid
Ayma Khan
Sameerah Khan
Sydney King
Grace Kousset
Ariadni Kouvatsou
Xuan Yi Lai
Ming Li
Yezhou Li
Celeste Ling
Ruby Loane
Hana Lyall
Catherine Macauley
Patricia Martes Lebron
Manuela Memi
Esme Milton
Laura Montano
Jessica Morris
Eliza Musa
Aaron Nerella
Oriana Newman
Ying Yu Ng
Annabelle Nicholson
Maria Nukui
Cristina Oca Ramirez
Taneisha Patel
Maya Patel

Joaquin Perez Grande
Luke Perks
Safa Rafiq
Sharanniyan Ragavan
Sabina Rahman
Shaeneez Riaz
Harriet Richardson
Taleen Rimawi
Alexandra-Maria Rus
Alessandra Sabatini
Prisha Sharma
Zoyah Sheikh
Manika Sheraz
Asmita Singhania
Benjamin Stevens
Atharva Torne
Kegan Tyson
Raluca-Elena Valcescu
Andrei Vasiliu
Marielle Walmsley
Michael Yuen
Nina Zala
Yaqi Zhang

Faculty of Humanities

Yasmin Addam
Maryam Afolabi
Parnita Agarwal
Sumira Ahmadi
Elizaveta Akhvediani
Mauricio Almaraz Villalobos

Janita Altaf
Alexandra Andrei
Ioana Antohi
Shivain Arora
Gulezahra Asim
Lareb Asim
Chloe Aspin
Haadia Bahernia
Alena Barr Vasileva
Alainah Bawany
Umair Gowher Bhat
Ally Binti Amril
Nor Amanda Binti
Mohammad Azman
Kaley Black
Antonio Boktor
Marijn Boomars
Camille Boos
Fraser Bossons
Luke Bryan
Hannah Cameron-Ross
Sarp Cetinyurt
Joel Chan
Evangelia Charalambous
Leo Charlton
Yixin Chen
Nuo Chen Chen
Xiaohui Chen
Lucia Chocarro Martinez
Chun Hin Ernie Chu
Filipa Correia De Almeida Serranito

Alanah Coulson	Javier Lu Zhang	Bhargava Srivathsa	Muhammad Bin Mohd Affandi	Jiajie Lu
Kelly Davies	Hongjia Luo	Sophie Stanford	Aleksandra Bochenek	Miguel Luque Canete
Matilda Dixon	Aliya Machat	Shreya Sujan	Artemis Bouzaki	Marium Malik
Jennifer Docker	Loren Madnack	Yitong Sun	Marcelo Bovill	Ali Marei
Martina Donnicola	Jamal Maghrabi	Wanqiong Tang	Silvia Castillo Vergara	Elizaveta Marich
Dina Ebrahim	Taniya Mahmood	Ela Tarclova	Megan Chan	Alicia Martin
Hannah Elliott	Mahin Mahmud	Fiola Tariang	Cheng Hao Cheong	Louisa Mason
Juno Ellison	Dana Mansoor	Genevieve Tranter	Bok Man Choi	Habib Ahmed Master
Laura Endler	Iulia Marian	Florian Truetzschler	Yash Chopda	Aryan Mathur
Stephanie Esho	Shannon Mariani	Alexandre Vallalta	Huey Chua	Mircea-Alexandru Mihale
Filip Fabian	Sylvia Masters	Srijan Vasireddy	Sherri Chuah	Fatin Mohamad Nizam
Martina Garofalo	Joseph McCabe	Maria Vivancos	Flavia-Alexandra Cimpean	Nurul Mohammed Zaidi
Ala Ghaderi	Florence McGrath	Ariana Vojvodic	Kimberley Correia	Emily Na
Ruby Goodley	Louba Meimaris	Joel Wall	Rakha Djokosoetono	Dounia Nanadoumgar
Frederick Graham	Andrej Mocko	Anna Wallace	Marina Dobon Hernandez	Lacroze
Alexandra-Maria Grecu	Nadiah Mohd Sobri	Emily Wallis	Clea Dronne	Nishwa Nawaz
Alora Gregory	Neha Mohile	Binjie Wang	Dhruva Dulani	Kiff O'Hara
Suhaib Habibullah	Edna Moran	Marina Wanis	Josiah Edebiri	Ahmed Omara
Nazifah Haider	Stefan Nikolov	Zoe Watson	Yussra El-Mahmoudi	Lauren Perry
Yaser Halim	James Nolan	Alice Wheatley	Ahmed Elzoghby	Eugenio Picheo
Lucy Hall	Oluseyi Ojowa	Daniel Williams	Osasenaga Emokpae	Sarah Poore
Jamelah Hancock	Sabina Olimova	Jay Fu Wu	Beltran Fernandez	Angela Popovska
Christopher Heard	Khadra Osman	Che Yang	Barbadillo	Lucy Porte
Anna Hilferink	Chun Pang	Chan Ying	Mitchel Ford	Marti Puig Fantauzzi
Scarlett Hill	Lillian Pelekanos	Alexandra Yordanova	Farah Frikha	Kai Qi
Xiaofan Hong	Yibin Peng	Sum Yu	Aishwarya Girish Kumar	Amar Rai
Kiya Hornby	Martin Penov	Zhiting Zhang	Luis Gouveia Cipriano	George Rayner
Yiting Hu	Gabriela Ponce De Leon	Jinyu Zheng	Messias	Jaimee Relph
Lanxin Hu	Rodrigo	Jiayi Zhou	Kristina Grolmusova	Sophia Sarfraz
Lixin Huang	Adyasha Pradhan	Kamila Zhukeshbayeva	Ari Guest	Dinesh Selvam
Mengruo Huang	Xiangshun Qi		Jiangyue Guo	Momin Shahzad
Mahi Hussain	Pranav Raghavendra		Manav Gupta	Johanna Sievert
Jamil Hussain Tul Kubra	Nirvana Ramlal		Carl-Johan Hedenstierna	Lewis Simpson
Hussein Janmohamed	Giorgia Ravera		Benjamin Hilton	Maitrayee Singh
Tabita-Gabriela Juravle	Benita-Marie Raykundalia		Christin Hristov	Omar Sinno
Andrea Juscakova	Carlotta Rebonato		Jiawei Huang	Guan Yu Soh
Ziyan Kang	Elissa Reynolds		Jiaxue Huang	Ria Sood
Goda Karinauskaite	Hannah Richmond		Serena Huston	Shoaib Ali Ahmed Syed
Sara Kata	Muhammad Rizki		Yihang Jin	Michelle Tang
Jessica Kodilinye	Alexandra Robinson		Chad Keeling	Isabella Teck
Candy Kong	Diana Rotar		Tess Knowles	Kara Thomas
Shamona Koshy	Emily Rummey		Likhitha Kopuru	Olivia Toy
Eva Kristinova	Vanessa Rwenyagira		Piotr Kukulski	Elif Turk
Kalman Kurucz	Philip Sääw		Maryam Kurrimboccus	Nora Tuta
Wenyi Lai	Adam Sarissky		Matilda Leonard	Keerthana Venkatesh
Suma Lakshmi	Tarunsingh Seepergauth		Shawn Tao Leow	Peiqi Wang
Erin Lamb	Girethar Shanmugam		Miaoyue Li	Zheng Xue
Sunyoung Lee	Viniti Sharma		Jiabin Li Wang	Syeda Zahra
Kai Lee	Aaliyah Sharplin		Jun Liang	Jakub Zemek
Benjamin Lee-Evans	Matteo Shiner		Siddharth Mahala	Zijiao Zhao
Ziqiong Liang	Erica Smith		Sergio Lopez Martinez	
Nicia Low	Niyati Somani			
Yanjing Lu	Sveva Spadavecchia			

Faculty of Science and Engineering

Safaa Abada
Nadine Abdelhalim
Ingy Abdelhalim
Umar Ahmed
Rayan Albhlal
Hassan Al-Hamzawi
Ezri Alkilani-Brown
Leonor Almeida Resende
Fatimah Alshabeeb
Najat Amir
Nehla Arain
Ahmad Adel Hussien
Atieh
Eiman Baig
Benita Benoi
Teresa Berges Acosta
Aissata Berthe
Joshua Bettles

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President's Doctoral Scholars

Each year the University presents the **President's Doctoral Scholar Award**, the highest accolade bestowed upon members of our postgraduate research community. It's awarded to approximately 3% of our research students who demonstrate academic excellence and leadership potential.

Anna Wilding
Mahak Fatima
Katie Downes
Alessia Catozzi
Julie De Fønss Gandrup
M Horan
Julieta O'Flaherty
Ibrahim Ahmed
Helena Raymond-Hayling
Erum Hyder
Sarah Harbach
Madeleine Hurry
Mahak Fatima
Sarah Harbach
Chad Campbell
Sofia Eleftheriadou
Siobhan O'Neill
David Scott

Roxanne Taylor
James Lloyd
Caitlin Schmid
Christopher Fardan
Clare Cummings
Thanh Bui
David Mountain
Ksenia Litvinenko
Thanh Bui
Sofia Eleftheriadou
Anna Wilding
Siobhan O'Neill
Clare Cummings
Anna Wilding
Siobhan O'Neill
Christopher Fardan
Charlotte Hampton
Congcong Li
Neil Harrison

Ziqi Chen
Xiaoxi Song
Fabio Ferreira
Cole McCormick
Bartosz Górski
Savannah Clawson
Rachel Barrett
Yujia Sun
Nicola Vallack
Jonathan Aze
Ryan Warr
Runze Chen
Kevin Shen
Thomas Harvey
Jon Kragoskow
Emily Matthews
Rebecca Lewis
James Gregory
Raymond McCulloch

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Charlotte Hampton
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Emily Matthews
Jonathan Aze
James Gregory
Savannah Clawson
Ryan Warr
Rachel Barrett
Ziqi Chen
Nicola Vallack
Kevin Shen
Siobhan O'Neill



Distinguished Achievement Award

The University's Distinguished Achievement Awards are presented to students who have made an exceptional contribution to the life of the University, including by contributing significantly to the development of the curriculum, enhancing other students' experience at university, or coupling excellent academic achievement with valuable extracurricular activity.

**Faculty of Biology,
Medicine and Health**

George Obolo

**Faculty
of Humanities**

Khadra Osman

**Faculty of Science
and Engineering**

Ho Yiu Nichole Cheung

Shape your future

Your time at Manchester has opened doors to a whole range of opportunities. We're here to help you take your first steps into life after university. Here are five things you can do now to prepare for your future:

1

Access careers support

You can continue to benefit from personalised careers support for up to two years after you finish your course.



2

Register on CareerConnect

Once your student account stops working, you can register for a graduate CareerConnect account – our one-stop shop for vacancies, appointments and events.



3

Use our free online tools

No matter what stage you're at in your career, use our online resources to help you with CVs, cover letters and applications for jobs or further study.



4

Follow the Careers Service on Instagram

Follow the University's Careers Service Instagram account (@uomcareers) to find out more about ongoing careers support, opportunities and special events for Manchester graduates.



5

Consider further study or research

If you're interested in pursuing postgraduate study or research, we can help you consider your options and apply for programmes.



GRADUATE OUTCOMES

An agency will contact you on our behalf to complete the Graduate Outcomes Survey. Your response will help us find out what you're doing next and will inspire future generations of Manchester graduates.





Stay connected

Congratulations, Class of 2023!

Welcome to your global alumni community. We're here to help you preserve a lifelong connection with the University, the city of Manchester and each other. We invite you to continue friendships, share experiences and inspire those who follow in your footsteps.

You're part of a worldwide alumni community of more than half a million – the largest of any campus-based university in the UK. We can help you connect with other alumni around the world to network and progress your career at every stage. Update your personal details so we can stay in touch and continue to support you.

We can't wait to see what you do next.



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Should the alarm sound, please remain calm and seated and follow the instructions given by stewarding staff.

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