



The University of Manchester

# GRADUATION

## JULY 2024

*Making a difference*



**SINCE 1824**

**“Use your head, but  
follow your heart.”**

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



**Did you know?**

Professor Dame Nancy Rothwell became the first female leader of the University 14 years ago. In recognition of her time here, the engineering building is to be renamed the Nancy Rothwell Building.

**I welcome you all – graduands,  
family members and friends –  
to The University of Manchester  
for this degree congregation.**

# CONGRATULATIONS

This is a time of celebration and I hope you enjoy this special occasion. For those of you graduating 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 collect your degree, 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.

This will be my last set of graduations, and they stand out for me as being by far the most enjoyable occasions I am involved in. Students are the life blood of our University, and I wish you every success for the future. I hope you have a truly memorable day.

*Nancy Rothwell*

**Professor Dame Nancy Rothwell,  
President and Vice-Chancellor**





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

# YOU BELONG HERE

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 with us.

As I reflect on the accomplishments that brought you here, I am reminded of the important role that community plays in our lives. The Manchester community has 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 our 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, Chancellor**

### Did you know?

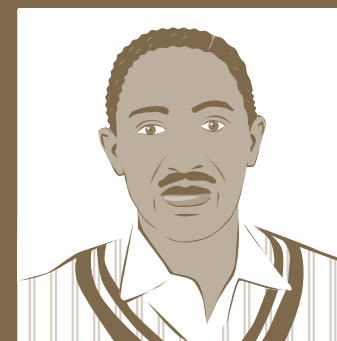
Our Chancellor appeared on Desert Island Discs and named *Jump Around* by House of Pain as one of his favourite

# BICENTENARY WAY

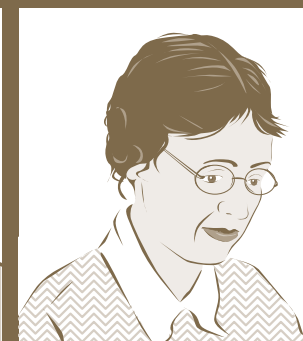
## MEET OUR NOTABLE ALUMNI

**Bicentenary Way tells the story of our origins, our innovations and the people behind them since 1824.**

The installation, located in Brunswick Park and opposite the Queen's Arch, recognises key figures and groups who have made an inspirational contribution to the life of the University and to society more generally. We've highlighted just a few of them below.



Frank Worrell,  
BA Admin, 1959



Kathleen Drew Baker,  
Botany, 1922



Christine Burns MBE,  
BSc Computer Science, 1975

### Did you know?

416 students completed the Stellify Award this year, which includes a total of 36,387 volunteering hours and 1,426 leadership roles - all with the aim of making a difference.



Meera Syal,  
BA English and Drama, 1983



Leena Gade,  
MEng Aerospace Materials Engineering, 1998



Amani Abou-Zeid,  
PhD Development Administration and Management, 2001



# CELEBRATING OUR BICENTENARY

## Take a trip back through time with these snapshots from our past 200 years.



Statue of founder John Rylands' widow Enriqueta



Students taking an exam in the Whitworth Hall, 1939



The Old Quad was completed in 1902



Ernest Rutherford and Hans Geiger in their lab at Manchester, 1908



The Old Quad, 1972



Tom Kilburn and Freddie Williams with 'the Baby' computer



The Whitworth Hall

### Did you know?

The Whitworth Hall (named after benefactor Sir Joseph Whitworth) was the last of the quadrangle of buildings to be designed by Alfred Waterhouse RA for Owens College.

It was opened by HRH the Prince of Wales (later King George V) in 1902. The Hall's organ was gifted by Enriqueta Rylands, founder of the John Rylands Library.



Christie's memorial window on the building's main staircase



Manchester Museum



Students' Union, 1944



The Christie Library, 1950s



The University of Manchester



University laboratory, 1940s



Taxidermist Harry Brazenor installing whale skeleton, 1898



Nobel laureates Andre Geim and Kostya Novosolov



A student in the Samuel Alexander Building's Philip Haworth Library



Students of the Global Development Institute, 1958



The entrance to Sackville Street Building

# MANCHESTER



Looms in Sackville Street Building



Electrical engineer Beatrice Shilling OBE, 1929



Graduation day, 1950



Novelist Anthony Burgess studied English at the University



Bridge link featured in original plans for the Christie



The excavation of the boulder that sits outside the Beyer Building



Experimental engines in the engineering laboratories



Catherine Chisholm CBE, our first female medical graduate, 1904



# HIGHLIGHTS

## 2023-24

### Did you know?

We can lay claim to 25 Nobel laureates among our current and former staff and students.

### University lights up for 200th celebration

We 'painted the town purple' in January – creating a pathway of light illuminating Oxford Road to mark the start of our 200th anniversary celebrations.

Light Up was the first in a series of exciting bicentenary events to take place throughout 2024, and saw campus transformed from frosty white to the University's signature purple.



### University launches new scholarship in memory of Laura Nuttall



Manchester's School of Social Sciences has launched a new scholarship in memory of Politics, Philosophy and Economics graduate Laura Nuttall, who passed away in May 2023 after a long battle against cancer.

Claire Fox, the School's Director of Equality, Diversity and Inclusion, said the scholarship was a "fitting tribute" to Laura, who worked hard to raise awareness and funds for brain cancer charities.

### 100k-panel solar farm to power University

The University has signed a landmark deal that will see up to 65% of our electricity supplied through a new renewables project.

In a major move towards achieving our zero carbon ambition by 2038, we've partnered with leading UK clean energy company Enviromena to buy electricity generated from its brand new solar farm, based in Medebridge, Essex – which is as large as around 70 football pitches.



### Manchester wins top prize at Green Gown Awards

The University won the 2030 Climate Action prize at the prestigious UK and Ireland Green Gown Awards in recognition of our "forward looking and innovative" work to decarbonise our campus operations.

The University of Manchester

**TOP TEN IN THE WORLD FOR SIX YEARS RUNNING**



3rd	8th	1st	9th	2nd	2nd
2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024



### University remains UK number 1 for social and environmental impact

Manchester was named top in both the UK and Europe, and second in the world, for meaningful contributions towards the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals in the 2024 *Times Higher Education* (THE) University Impact Rankings.

Our University is the only institution in the world to rank in the top ten for social and environmental impact in every year of the THE Impact Rankings.



### Manchester poet wins prestigious TS Eliot Prize

Jason Allen-Paisant was named the winner of the UK's most prestigious poetry award, the TS Eliot Prize.

Jason, who is a Senior Lecturer in Critical Theory and Creative Writing at our Centre for New Writing, was honoured for his collection *Self-Portrait As Othello*, which explores Black masculinity and immigrant identity.



### New bursary for care leavers

A generous gift of £1.5m from British businessman and Manchester alumnus Simon Sadler enabled us to launch a new bursary for students who are leaving care.

Simon grew up in Blackpool, and was the first in his family to attend University. He is currently Chief Investment Officer of Segantii Capital Management, which he founded in 2007, and the owner and chairman of his hometown football club Blackpool FC.



# AWARDS

## OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

The University's prize for Outstanding Academic Achievement is awarded to the top students in each graduating year based solely on academic performance. It consists of a certificate and £1,000 prize.

The prestigious award reflects the exceptional performance of individual graduates during their time at The University of Manchester.

### Faculty of Biology, Medicine and Health

James Merlin Wege  
Joshua Bugden  
Rose Vatani-Gargari  
Matthew John Neil  
Abigail Walton  
Nabil Al-Dam  
Freya Annie Bowman  
Frances Persephone Woodward  
Naz Uzun

### Faculty of Humanities

Terez Sarah Williams  
Olivia Iris Brown  
Felix Reuter  
Muhammad Wasif Farrukh  
Luke Anthony Potter  
Petra Giuliano  
Benjamin Gregory  
Hannah Isobel Carter-Moore  
Elsa Holm  
Axelle Tang Wai  
Isobel David

Muhammad Najib Bin Abu Hassan Alshari  
Gordon Wu  
Sion Lewis  
Harry Matthew Warren  
Yihang Li  
Rosie May Sharp  
Harry Alexander Thornton  
Molly Heath Clare Harcourt  
Kamea Poppy Giselle Aylward

### Faculty of Science and Engineering

Jonathan Krishna Hanandhito  
Madia Iqbal  
Claudiu Craciun  
Alyssa Mia Taliotis  
Benjamin James Readfearn  
Chaofan Yin  
Petr Kolar  
Kira Lee  
Henry Pentz  
Ziyi Chen

## PRESIDENT'S DOCTORAL SCHOLARS

The President's Doctoral Scholar Award is the highest accolade that can be 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.

### Faculty of Biology, Medicine and Health

Michaela Clark  
Priya Srivastava  
Connor Wallis

### Faculty of Humanities

John-Paul Martindale  
Pooria Miladi G  
Paromita Rakhi  
Millicent Lovelock  
Diana Osmolska  
Suddhasatwa Guharoy

### Faculty of Science and Engineering

Daniel Martins  
Shengzhong Mao  
Christophe Wilk  
Soibhe Nic Dhonncha  
Sam Coatham  
Josef Oliver  
Francis Moissinac  
Brendan Martin Ward-O'Brien  
Daniele Torri

## DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The University's Distinguished Achievement Awards are presented to students who have made an exceptional impact on 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

Hithin Noble

### Faculty of Humanities

Lida Koutsou

### Faculty of Science and Engineering

Jasmine Hewitt



# 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 2024 the students who achieved the Stellify Award are:

Theo Abbott	Aditya Chirag Aumeer	Ashley Suet Yan Chan	Holly Frances Egan	Fathimath Niam Hamdhee	Victoria Ivanova	Muskan Kaur Longani	Stephanie Dzifa Newlove-Mensah	Sneha Saha	Rhiannon Thomas
Mohammed Farhan Abrar	Rohit Ayyalasomayajula	Bruin Chan	Edward Peter Fall	Shmuel Aaron Hanson	Liana Maria Ivascu	Katie Irene Lopez	Ha Phuong Ngo	Nainika Sahye	Harry Alexander Thornton
Anya Rachel Adam	Alisha Aziz	Laura Sze-Ting Chan	Aryana Fani	Rayyan Mohammed Haq	Srishti Jajodia	Lara Lorenzo Cisneros	Eduardt Nica	Hebat Allah Ziad Mohammad Salameh	Emily Therese Tiffney
Shamma Adam	Sarah Hanisah Binti Azmi	Arden Juliette Fay Chandler	Fathima Nehla Farhan	Poppy Anne Hargrave	Maryam Jamal	Yin Yu Janice Leung	Yubo Ning	Shikha Navendu Sanghrajka	Isadora Tonini Lopes Gramicelli
Chaudhary Nabil Afzal	Sameha Zeeti Bachu	Indigo Charles	Nahan Fathima	Reya Nitin Harne	Megan James	Baptiste Loridon	Jacelyne Nursalim	Dhwani Sardana	Quan Thuy Truong Tran
Zaynab Afzal	Aryaman Bajaj	Tung Chin	Yanpeng Feng	Reya Nitin Harne	Jan Alexander Janina-Kanski	Cleo Luben	Maria Obregon Comino	Anale Rajeshree Saroja Venkataraju	Marli Tamara Traore Mendes
Rimsha Afzal Kausar	Mariam Riyaz Bakali	Shan Ying Ching	Pedro Dutch Fernandez Rackebrandt	Bilal Hassan	Sophie Jenkins	Hongjia Luo	Isabella Doye Odogu	Rustam Sartayev	Hui Lok Tsang
Aditya Agarwal	Nicola Barham	Pornchanit Choktanasiri	Natalie Jayne Flinn	Jessica Charlotte Hather	Ananya Jha	Juan Mabilie	Maureen Ohene Mensah	Lia Clare Seccombe	Agnes Yessica Tumanggor
Jessica Abrafi Agyemang	Antasar Ali Bashir-Suleman	Laura Cimpoaia	Jennifer Anne Foster	Tess Hayton	Mingyu Jiang	Madeline Kyung-Joo Macintyre	Anusha Ohri	Alibek Sembayev	Mohamed Jaasir Shaikh
Sumayyah Fatima Ahmed	Megan Bassett	Gerard Giuseppe Eric Cloke Browne	Kelsey Lise Francis	Jason He	Emily Johnston	Conor Macleod	Julia Oliveira Lima	Mohamed Jaasir Shaikh	Nadia Shamas
Ada Ak	Amani Bates	Faye Coleman	Ana Freire	Benjamin Hehir	Shreyash Juggoo	Siddharth Mahala	Li Jun Ong	Eshika Rajesh Padode	Deepti Shankar
Rayyan Azzan Abdullah Al Kindi	Kiran Bhandal	Ellen Collins	KA Yung Karina Fu	Reuben Django Hellier	Kabir Kalra	Ashley Maheshwari	Pauline Hamond Opoku	Anna Maria Palatty Johnson	Suhani Sharma
Aleina Elizabeth Alex Tafheem Athar Ali	Oliver Richard Lincoln Biggs	Joseph Collins	Hannah Gallimore	Molly Kathryn Henman	Orlaith Kelly	Ying Qian Phoebe Mak	Eshika Rajesh Padode	Aleksandra Paluch	Daman Alam Sheikh
Salma Nabeel M Aljama	Emily Bittner	Alanah Coulson	Vaishnavi Divya Gandikota	Diego Francisco Herrera Rowley	Alisha Jocelyn Kemp	Aretia-Teodora Malacopol	Anna Maria Palatty Johnson	Jerry Pan	Elizabeth Sherlock
Farah Ahmed S Almohammadi	Emma Louise Blackledge	Madeleine Coy	Pranav Bharadwaj Gangrekalve Manoj	Franco Marcelo Herrera Zuniga	Hannah Kennedy	Sana Bibi Shoaib Mall	Aleksandra Paluch	Annabel Parkin	Vidhi Shetty
Yousief Al-Natshah	Lydia Blacklock	Michael Coy	Silvio Gao	Lauren Valerie Herrmann	Lok Tsz Keung	Faiqa Mansoor	Jerry Pan	Rebecca Pashley	Astin Shiju
Fatimah Moayad A Alshabeeb	Alicja Blaszkiewicz	Elizabeth Margaret Crisp	Arushi Garg	Zoe Georgina Hickman	Rayhana Sehereen Khan	Martin Marinov	Annabel Parkin	Ilinca Pastia	Devanshi Mayur Shukla
Mohammad Abdulbaqui M Altaisan	Ji Su Bok	Daiv Samish Dalal	Nur Betul Gayretli	Amira C. Ho	Sumiyyah Iman Khan	Jacob Marshall	Rebecca Pashley	Devshri Dhairyashil Patil	Anamika Shyam
Hana Hany Mahmoud Alwakeel	Matan Bone	Frances Daley	Daniel Kobby Gboloo-Teye	Benjamin David Hobbs	Zaynab Khan	Arianna Martin	Ilinca Pastia	Stela Pencheva Petkova	Mitali Shylesh
Marco Andrea Amadei Monch	Lorna Boothroyd	Ani Daspanyan	Viktoria Hristova Genova	Rowena Eve Hockley	Lima Khan Akter	Syrienne Matane Yanno	Devshri Dhairyashil Patil	Rachael Ann Mcaleese	Maryam Bibi Sidat
Imman Anas	Georgio Bou Younes	Freya Davies	Angel Leah George	Hannah Holland	Karla Felicia Khangara	Belen Matos Perales	Maria Petraki	Olivia McArdle	Kiran Siddiqui
Jasmine Angus	Yasmin Yun Jung Di Canio Boulter	Nicholas William Hallinger Deadman	Andrei Mihnea Ghira	Elsa Holm	Saim Mustak Khoja	Rachael Ann Mcaleese	Gia Cat Pham	Veronica McIntosh	James Silk
Meghana Anil	Louis James Boyer	Seyedehmahya Dehestani	Georgia Glenn	Alex Hope	Chaeyu Kim	Olivia McArdle	Olivia Grace Pilson	Shimin Meng	Ananya Singh
Nicole Alessia Aphang Bringas	Lydia Rose Boyle	Rushil Dhanuka	Kim Maria Godinho	Morgana Dyke Howl	Minji Kim	Veronica McIntosh	Ayesha Nicole Pointer	Elizabeth Mersey	Soumya Singh
Naomi Rashmini Arnold	Abigale Brady	Dana Diakova	Phoebe Joy Godwin	Michael Hrycek-Robinson	Yuriy Kim	Shimin Meng	Lucas Madison Pollock Muguruza	Abby Alyssa Miller	Matei-Ioan Sirbu
Vaibhav Ashwin Kumar	Titanilla Braun	Ines Vanessa Nachilima Dalaba Djedje	Charlotte Goodman	Sumayyah Hussainy	Yuna Kimura	Elizabeth Mersey	Gauresh Ponsubramanian	Caroline Sarah Miller	Shannon Smith
Daniel Kwaku Akonnor Asiedu	Lucia Briz Dominguez	Uratile Tabitha Dube	Emily Gray	Zeina Nader Abdelhalim Abdelrahman Ibrahim	Oliver George Thomas King	Abby Alyssa Miller	Vlad Petru Popescu	Annabelle Miller-Blundell	Anoosha Sohail
Ayla Aslanbayli	Leah Katherine Brooks	Ewa Dunin-Borkowska	Rachael Green	Tessy Eghosa Idemudia	Hellen Watetu Kiragu	Olivia McArdle	Poppy Jenna Pratt	Elizabeth Mersey	Maansee Soni
Asal Attari	Noe Bundschuh	Charlotte Allyson Dunkerley	Harriet Greenly	Teodor Stefan Ionescu	Kenneth Victor Kirkley	Veronica McIntosh	Juliet Olivia Price	Caroline Sarah Miller	Simar Soora
	Rachael Margaret Burns	Charlotte Allyson Dunkerley	Saira Gulati	Labeebah Islaam	Ricards Kristers Knipsis	Shimin Meng	Imogen Lucy Pryce	Annabelle Miller-Blundell	Aakanksha Srivastava
	Hussain Bux	Charlotte Allyson Dunkerley	Dylan Gunasekera	Angelica Islam	Petr Kolar	Shimin Meng	Hafsa Qasim	Annabelle Miller-Blundell	Abhilasha Srivastava
	Su Hazal Calli	Charlotte Allyson Dunkerley	Akshat Gupta	Mariyam Ruuya Ismail	Mikhail Kononov	Shimin Meng	Lifeng Qiu Lin	Annabelle Miller-Blundell	Maher Srivastava
	Bo Cao	Charlotte Allyson Dunkerley	Cheryn Gyamfi	Nabah Rasha Ismail	Magzhan Koshkarov	Shimin Meng	Yige Sun	Annabelle Miller-Blundell	Lulei Sun
	Alyssa Capuno	Charlotte Allyson Dunkerley	Manal Siddieg Rahama Hamad	Maftuna Ismailova	Robert Dariusz Kossowski	Shimin Meng	Alexandru Radulescu	Annabelle Miller-Blundell	Yige Sun
		Charlotte Allyson Dunkerley			Marina Kostadinova	Shimin Meng	Ahnaf Rahman	Annabelle Miller-Blundell	Nashita Afza Syed
		Charlotte Allyson Dunkerley			Audrey Vives Krueger	Shimin Meng	Areeba Rahman	Annabelle Miller-Blundell	Syed Marwan Bin Syed Jaffar
		Charlotte Allyson Dunkerley			Kristine Krumina	Shimin Meng	Sarika Myuri Rajarajan	Annabelle Miller-Blundell	Jasmine Taite
		Charlotte Allyson Dunkerley			Muhammad Rafeeq Kureemun	Shimin Meng	Sarina Ramchandani	Annabelle Miller-Blundell	Alyssa Mia Taliotis
		Charlotte Allyson Dunkerley			Chun Yin Kwok	Shimin Meng	Mariyam Saifa Rasheed	Annabelle Miller-Blundell	Kai Hua Tang
		Charlotte Allyson Dunkerley			Shriya Lanka	Shimin Meng	Saram Bin Rashid	Annabelle Miller-Blundell	Tala Tayeb
		Charlotte Allyson Dunkerley			Jesselyn Lstantini	Shimin Meng	Zoe Rees	Annabelle Miller-Blundell	Richard Reynolds
		Charlotte Allyson Dunkerley			Jing Xuan Lee	Shimin Meng	Richard Reynolds	Annabelle Miller-Blundell	Tegan Bailey Rickwood
		Charlotte Allyson Dunkerley			Kira Lee	Shimin Meng	Tegan Bailey Rickwood	Annabelle Miller-Blundell	Englantina Ruci
		Charlotte Allyson Dunkerley			Benjamin Hsien Yang Lew	Shimin Meng	Englantina Ruci	Annabelle Miller-Blundell	Laura Rudd
		Charlotte Allyson Dunkerley			Xuan Li	Shimin Meng	Laura Rudd	Annabelle Miller-Blundell	Lily Grace Ruffer
		Charlotte Allyson Dunkerley			Amanda Jie Qi Lim	Shimin Meng	Lily Grace Ruffer	Annabelle Miller-Blundell	Sarah George Hoyazen Saad
		Charlotte Allyson Dunkerley			Maria Luisa Limao De Matos Soares Azancot	Shimin Meng	Sarah George Hoyazen Saad	Annabelle Miller-Blundell	Hridam Saha
		Charlotte Allyson Dunkerley				Shimin Meng	Hridam Saha	Annabelle Miller-Blundell	

# STAY CONNECTED

## Class of 2024, welcome to your alumni community!

We're here to help you preserve a lifelong connection with the University, and invite you to continue friendships, share experiences and inspire those who follow in your footsteps.



**“My time at the University taught me a lot. It humbled me, it humoured me, it nourished me - and it will always have a place in my heart.”**

**Benedict Cumberbatch**  
Actor and Alumnus, The University Magazine, Issue 16, Summer 2024

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- occasional information by post or telephone about how you can support our students and research;
- invites to University events.

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## LEADING THE WAY

Throughout our 200-year history, Manchester has helped shape the world through knowledge, wisdom and humanity.

**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.



**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.



**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.



**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.



**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.



**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.



**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.



**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.



**1979**

**Sir Arthur Lewis**

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



**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.



**2017**

**Naa Acquah**

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



**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.





# STEP INTO YOUR FUTURE WITH THE CAREERS SERVICE

**As you get ready to begin the next chapter of your life, remember that you don't have to figure it all out on your own. Our Careers Service is here to help you land your dream job.**

Here's how some of our recent graduates have taken their next steps with our support:



**Phoebe Feng**  
Business Development Manager, Alpha CRC

"When I was job searching and thinking about my next step, it was always very reassuring to know that the Careers Service had my back. I recommend going to different alumni panel sessions and connecting with the speakers. You never know where your next big opportunity will come from."



**Killian Billinge**  
Graduate Drainage Engineer, AtkinsRéalis

"I was so uncertain about my future after graduating; unsure whether to continue within further education or to set my sights on employment. The Careers Service provided an abundance of information to guide me towards the decision I made, and I could not be happier!"

**As a graduate, you can still access the Careers Service for up to two years after you complete your course.**

Get started with our checklist:

- Activate your Graduate CareerConnect account for vacancies, CV feedback, practice interviews and more.
- Follow us on Instagram @uomcareers.
- Join 'The University of Manchester's Recent Graduates LinkedIn' group.
- Book a one-to-one appointment with a careers advisor.
- Complete the Graduate Outcomes Survey 15 months after finishing your course.

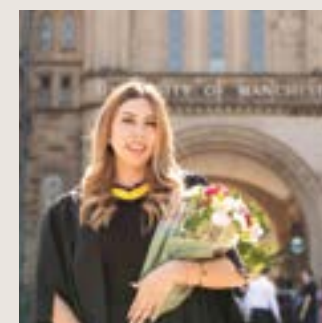
**@uomcareers**  
**[manchester.ac.uk/careers](https://manchester.ac.uk/careers)**

## Did you know?

The Careers Service offers graduate-specific one-to-one appointments. This academic year they have provided 1,077 careers appointments to support recent graduates with their next steps.

## Have you heard of Manchester Graduate Talent?

We offer graduate-level roles in and around Manchester exclusively for University of Manchester students.



**Charline Ñuflo**  
Product Manager, Oxfam

"I used the Careers Service after I finished my master's. It helped me to improve my CV and to practice for my first interview in the UK, which at the time was a bit scary because everything was new for me as an international student. The mock interview session I booked helped me to gain more confidence and be able to secure the job."



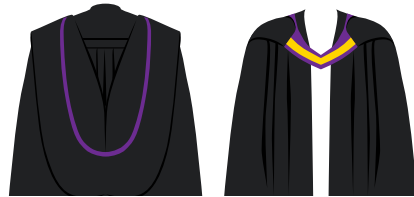
**Tim Pickin**  
Marketing and Recruitment Coordinator,  
The University of Manchester

"Because the Careers Service is so specific to The University of Manchester, the advice I received felt a lot more personal than other sources of careers advice. They understood what it was like to be in my position, what my options were and what I could do with my degree. It's free, too!"

# ACADEMIC DRESS

## Did you know?

The gowns worn for traditional graduation ceremonies originated in the 12th century as medieval scholars' garments. It's speculated that these long gowns were donned to keep scholars warm in drafty buildings and symbolize their status at the same time.



**Certificates and Diplomas**



**Bachelor's (3-4) Years**  
(including BA and BSc)



**Bachelor's (5) Years**  
(including MBChB)



**Undergraduate Master's**  
(including MEng and MChem)



**Master's**  
(including MSc and MA)



**Master of Philosophy (MPhil)**



**Doctorates**  
(including PhD, DPT, DBA)



**Higher Doctorates**  
(including DSc)



**Mortarboards**



**Doctoral Bonnets**

# MADE IN MANCHESTER

To celebrate our bicentenary year, we invited our students to share what being "Made in Manchester" means to them.

The winning artworks reflect the spirit, impact, transformative, and diverse experiences of life at our University.



Faculty of Humanities winner  
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