



The University of Manchester

# GRADUATION

## DECEMBER 2024

*Making a difference*



**SINCE 1824**



**I warmly welcome you all –  
graduands, family members and  
loved ones – to this special day at  
The University of Manchester.**

# CONGRATULATIONS

This degree ceremony is a moment to celebrate and honour all that you've accomplished.

Today we not only celebrate the degree that you are about to receive, but also the experiences and challenges that have shaped your journey here at Manchester. By choosing to study with us, you embraced the opportunity to explore everything we have to offer – discovery, collaboration and learning, as you pushed yourself beyond your comfort zone. Nothing worth doing is ever easy, but your pursuit of new knowledge, skills and perspectives will serve you well for years to come.

You are surrounded today by those who believe in you — your family, friends, teachers and the wider University community. We all want to see you succeed.

As you embark on the next stage in your life, you will forever remain part of the Manchester community. You join one of the largest alumni networks in the world, ensuring that no matter where you are, you will almost always find a fellow Manchester graduate.

We want to continue to provide you with opportunities to learn and grow – whether by pursuing further studies with us, or by helping to shape the future of the generations who follow you.

It is our privilege to celebrate your graduation with you today. I hope the memory of this momentous occasion remains with you always. Please keep in touch. I wish you every success in the exciting journey that lies ahead.

**Professor Duncan Ivison**  
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'LL ALWAYS 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.

## Did you know?

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

**Nazir Afzal OBE, Chancellor**

# BICENTENARY WAY

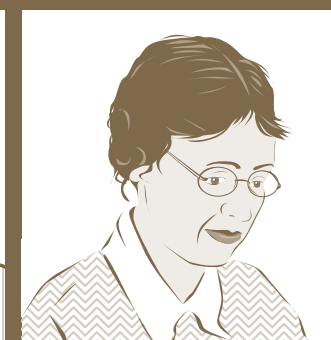
## MEET OUR NOTABLE ALUMNI

**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



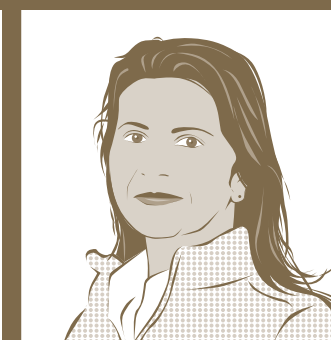
Kathleen Drew Baker,  
BS Botany, 1922



Christine Burns MBE,  
BSc Computer Science, 1975



Meera Syal,  
BA English and Drama, 1983



Leena Gade,  
MEng Aerospace Materials  
Engineering, 1998



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

## 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.



# CELEBRATING OUR BICENTENARY

Take a trip back through  
time with 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



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 26 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.



### Student Awarded Freshfields Stephen Lawrence Scholarship

Arthur Sangang Tuzolana, a second-year Economics student, has been awarded a prestigious Freshfields Stephen Lawrence Scholarship. The Scholarship seeks to address the under-representation of Black men from less socially mobile backgrounds in large commercial law firms and other careers in the City of London.

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



<b>3rd</b>	<b>8th</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>9th</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>2nd</b>
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.

### 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.



### University of Manchester student Grace Harvey clinches Paralympic gold in 100m breaststroke

This year we celebrated the success of student Grace Harvey, who stormed to victory in the 100m breaststroke (SB5) final at the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games. A Dental Public Health master's student and immunology graduate, Grace upgraded her silver medal from the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games.



### 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

## PRESIDENT'S DOCTORAL SCHOLARS

The President's Doctoral Scholars 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

Amin Ali  
Hanna Hanson

### Faculty of Humanities

Jane Barker  
Florence Badley  
Luan Carpes Barros Cassal  
Anne-Marie McCallion  
Jamie Stevenson  
Eboisetale Susan Abumere  
Thu Trang Dinh

### Faculty of Science and Engineering

Petr Nikolaev  
Xiang Guan  
Aayush Chadha  
Igor Wodiany  
Anja Meyer

## STELLIFY AWARDS

The Stellify Award is the University's most prestigious extracurricular accolade. It is presented to undergraduate 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.

The award is also presented to postgraduate students who have successfully engaged with the University's Ethical Grand Challenges, undertaken 10 hours (or more) of community volunteering and fulfilled one Champions for Change role.

In 2024 the students who achieved the Stellify Award are:

### Faculty of Biology, Medicine and Health

Sarah Ali  
Kethakee Andaraweera  
Andrei Balog  
Catherine Butterfield  
Ratendra Chauhan  
Fangru Dang  
Wise Dasilva  
Seyedeh Sedigheh Hashemi  
Alisha Kemp  
Neha Khan  
Sindhu Khanna  
Fatima Kulsoom  
Raghib Qazi  
Shreya Sidhu  
Ting Shu Tse  
Katie Wright  
Chunjie Wu

### Faculty of Humanities

Theo Abbott  
Abiola Abegunde  
Rey Abraham  
Meladul Haq Ahmadzai  
Elisa Amelia  
Utkarsh Bhoomick  
Alejandra Camacho Vega  
Edward Campbell  
Audrey Chen Er  
Raeanna Clarke  
Alice Eddyshaw  
Rafid Fadhal  
Haya Ali Genawi  
Paulina González Yañez  
Jaideep Grover  
Mara Hasheider  
Sanyukta Umesh Indani  
Susan James  
Tushar Jhanwar  
Jihae Kim  
Yelyzaveta Kolesnykova  
Nelofer Laskar  
Yaelin Lee  
Gabrielle Leonce  
Miaoyue Li  
Uma Sathwika Manda  
Yixuan Meng

Sakshath Menon  
Elizabeth Mersey  
Loukia Michaelidou  
Meutia Nabila  
Rachel Ngeo  
Christina Nguyen  
Yubo Ning  
Widyapradnya Paramita  
Sharon Putra  
Irvan Pratama Putra  
Abigail Rebello  
Sarah Rizal  
Diana Rotar  
Ahmed Saad  
Kartiko Cokro Sewoyo  
Isha Shetty  
Elise Skelding  
Ria Sojan  
Celine Tandian  
Lillian Wang  
Earl Woolf  
Ruqi Xiao  
Ying Xiao  
Xinyue Xu  
Yuki Yamada  
Zhi Xin Yap

### Faculty of Science and Engineering

Gowsik Balamurugan  
Shivani Bharambe  
Shusandesh G C  
Dhakshayani Kannan  
Tasneem Khan  
Anuska Kundu  
Aparna Kuniyil  
Che-Wei Liu  
Boyu Meng  
Shivan Musimenta  
Maria Ndawula  
Jiyeon Oh  
Rohit Radhakrishnan  
Ayushi Singh  
Avin Vivek  
Yue Zhang  
Aichen Zhang



# DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The University’s Distinguished Achievement Award is 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**

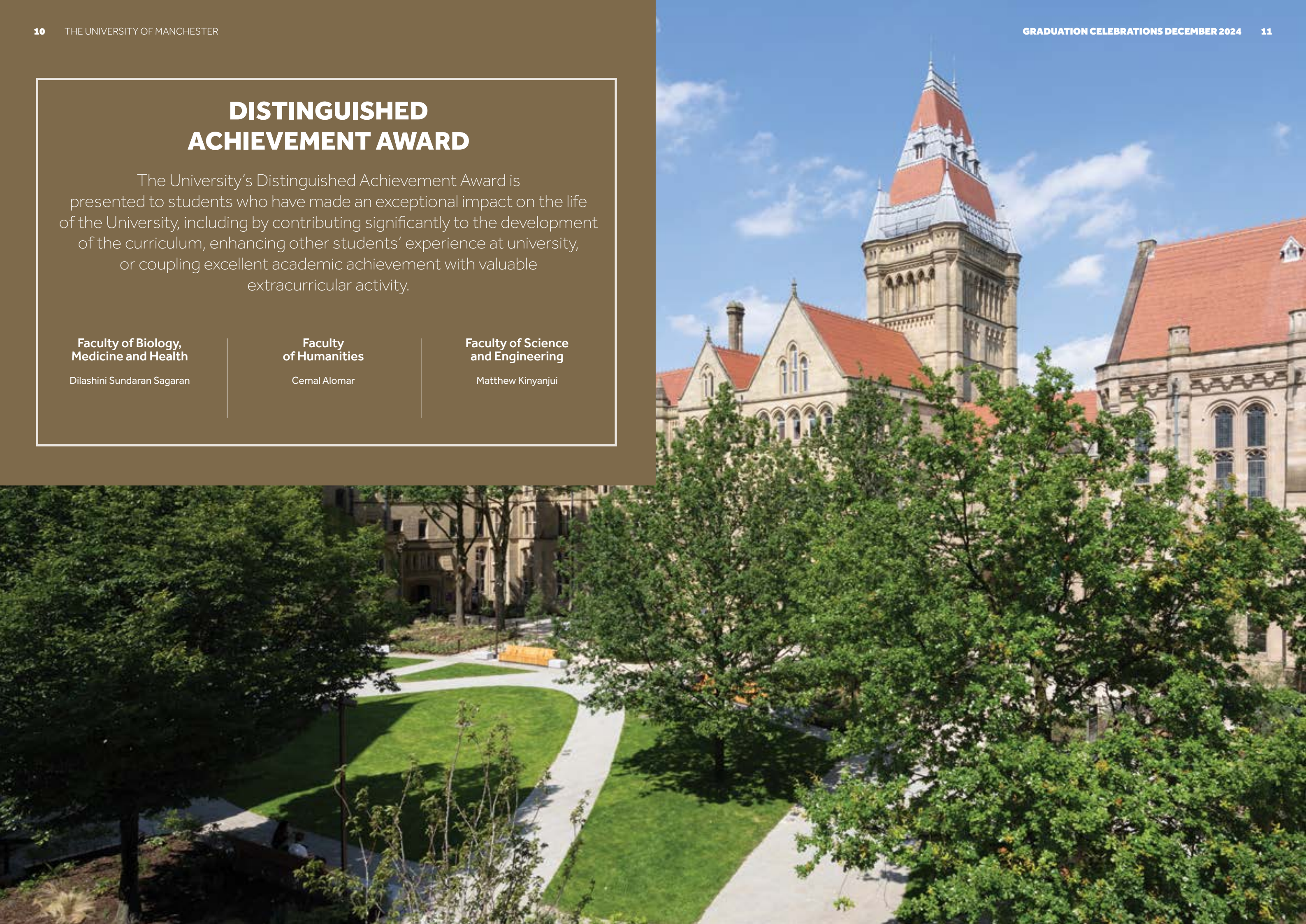
Dilashini Sundaran Sagar

**Faculty  
of Humanities**

Cemal Alomar

**Faculty of Science  
and Engineering**

Matthew Kinyanjui





# 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

Update your personal details:  
**[manchester.ac.uk/update](https://manchester.ac.uk/update)**

When you share your personal details with the Division of Development and Alumni Relations, you will receive:

- our emails, including our fortnightly newsletter;
- 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**

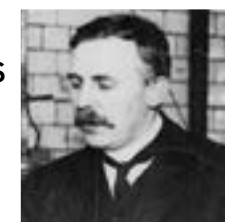
The Langworthy Chair, a position later held by five Nobel laureates, is created by the legacy of this donor to the University.



**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.

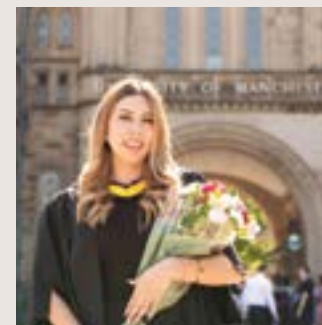
**@uomcareers**  
**[manchester.ac.uk/careers](https://manchester.ac.uk/careers)**

## Did you know?

The Careers Service offers one-to-one appointments for all graduates. In the last academic year, they provided 1,077 careers appointments to support our recent graduates in taking 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 symbolise 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  
**Intouch Arunepunlop**



Faculty of Biology, Medicine and Health winner  
**Nghi Lam**



Faculty of Science and Engineering winner  
**Daniella Othman**

**Did you know?**

We have the largest alumni community of any campus-based university in the UK, with more than 550,000 former students across 190 countries.



During the course of this event no alarm test or emergency evacuation practice has been planned. Therefore, if the alarm, which is a single-stage alarm, is activated it should be treated as a potential incident requiring evacuation.

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

The assembly point is on the front quadrangle, adjacent to the Whitworth Hall and opposite John Owens Building.

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