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WELCOME PGR OFFER HOLDERS 2025

AMBASSADOR PANEL - WEDS 30 APRIL 2-3PM

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Reminder - This session will be recorded



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# YOUR PANEL TODAY:

**Anthony Morris**  
PGR Marketing Officer

**Tasleem Hanif**  
PGR Admissions Officer

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## AMBASSADOR PANEL

**Anuradha Ganapathy - PhD Development and Management (Year 2)**

**Rui Zheng - PhD Business and Management (Year 4)**

**Maheshi Gunawardane - PhD Philosophy (Year 4)**

**Lev Eakins - PhD Religions and Theology (Year 3)**

**Tillie Quattrone - PhD Drama (Year 2)**

**Rahul Jha - PhD Social Statistics (Year 2)**



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# ADMISSIONS UPDATE - DOCTORAL ACADEMY

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# STARTING STEPS



What's one thing you wish you'd known before beginning your PhD at Manchester?

What to expect in your first semester PhD?

What kinds of induction or training can we expect in the first few weeks of the PhD programme?

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# PGR COMMUNITY



How did you go about building your initial network—both socially and academically?

Are there informal or structured opportunities to build relationships with fellow researchers across the School or Faculty?

Do you think it's easy to create community as a PGR student?

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# PhD DAY TO DAY

How do you manage stress and avoid burnout?

What are the best tips and practices for maximising  
one's time as a PhD student?

PhD daily life?

What are some good approaches to structuring time and staying on track with milestones? Are there any  
particularly useful tools/software?

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What kinds of activities fill your weeks? (Especially for  
SALC students). How do you know if you're being  
productive enough?



# FINANCE

How expensive is it living there?

Whether there would be opportunities to  
acquire funding or scholarships after  
enrolling?

Is it possible (or advisable) to work part-time  
alongside doctoral study, and are there any  
university guidelines or restrictions on this?

Could the panel talk a little about the cost of living and how PhD funding  
covers their daily finances? Thanks.

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# TEACHING

How is career development support handled  
(e.g. teaching options)?

How should those interested in TA or departmental positions  
organise this prior to September start?

Whether there would be opportunities to get an RA or TA job for PhD students without funding

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# ANY OTHER QUESTIONS?

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### From Corporate to Campus: the transition to PhD

by Student Ambassador Team | Apr 17, 2025

Anuradha discusses the change between corporate life in HR and the day-to-day of PhD research at The University of Manchester.



### Rahul's Research: Forecasting Indian Migratory Behaviour (PhD Social Statistics)

by Student Ambassador Team | Apr 3, 2025

Rahul discusses his journey to Manchester and his Social Statistics research on migration and quantitative methods in the Cathie Marsh

research institute.



### Staying Motivated – Pushing Through PhD Fatigue

by Student Ambassador Team | Mar 24, 2025

Our PhD ambassadors in Humanities share their experiences of PhD fatigue and how to avoid the dreaded burnout of postgraduate research.

The Humanities Postgraduate Research Blog  
<https://sites.manchester.ac.uk/humanities-blog/category/postgraduate-research/>



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# THANK YOU

We look forward to welcoming you to The University of Manchester soon.

