

University Wins Graduation Hospitality Award at UDINE Awards 2025

We are thrilled to announce that the University of Manchester has been awarded the Graduation Hospitality Award at the 2025 UDINE Awards. The award recognises our Hospitality on Campus Team for their efforts and exceptional service, innovation, and dedication to delivering world-class graduation experiences.

The UDINE Awards celebrate excellence in university hospitality across the UK. It is a testament to the team's planning, commitment, and service excellence. Their work ensures that every graduand and guest experiences a celebration worthy of their achievement, from the first ceremony to the last.

Graduation 2024

Our Hospitality on Campus Team delivered two of the university's largest events in 2024, Summer and Winter Graduation.

Summer Graduation Highlights

- 10 days of back-to-back ceremonies
- Over 24,000 Graduation Packages served to 8,000 graduates and their guests
- A bespoke 705 sqm marquee with live jazz, Prosecco, cupcakes, and Summer Punch
- A seamless transition between six daily events with just 30 minutes between each

Winter Graduation Highlights

- 5 days of celebrations for 4,000 graduates and their guests
- 12,000 Graduation Packages delivered
- A festive marquee experience with Winter Pimms and seasonal treats
- A custom-built 525 sqm marquee with the university's signature purple décor

Impact Beyond the Ceremony

- £400K profit generated in 2024, supporting the university's financial sustainability
- All hot drinks served were Fairtrade-certified, and menus featured locally sourced seasonal produce
- Zero service disruptions despite complex logistics and unpredictable weather

Please join us in congratulating the Hospitality on Campus Team for this well-deserved recognition. Their efforts continue to elevate the University of Manchester's reputation as a leader in hospitality and event excellence.