



The University of Manchester

The University of Manchester Global Futures Scholarship Eligibility and Application Criteria – 2026 awards

Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates– Undergraduate Scholarships

Award Value: £10,000 per year for up to 3 years (subject to attainment of 60% average in each year)

Eligibility

Eligibility will be based on meeting the following criteria:

1. Applicants will only be considered for these awards if they are domiciled in Saudi Arabia or the United Arab Emirates. To be considered as domiciled in Saudi Arabia or the United Arab Emirates applicants must have predominantly resided there during the last three years.
2. We consider your permanent country of residence to be the country in which you are ordinarily resident, not a country where you are only living for the purpose of full-time education.
3. Eligibility is based on domicile as defined above rather than nationality.
4. Applicants must be classified as 'international' for tuition fee purposes. (This is sometimes also referred to as 'overseas' for tuition fee purposes.)
5. Applicants must be self-funded i.e. not sponsored by an external government agency or commercial funder.
6. The award applies only to full-time courses of study delivered at The University of Manchester's UK campus in Manchester. Applicants for part-time or blended and distance learning programmes are not eligible for the award.
7. The awards are only open to candidates applying for direct Year 1 Entry and who have or are working towards one of the following qualifications:
 - A Levels
 - French Baccalaureate
 - IB Diploma
 - Indian XII Standard
8. Students taking eligible qualifications do not need their final results in order to apply for a Global Futures Scholarship but these must be shared by 14 August 2026.
9. Applicants for Medicine (MBChB), Dentistry (BDS), Architecture or any courses with an integrated foundation year are not eligible for the award.
10. Where a student has applied unsuccessfully for MBChB or Dentistry but then is subsequently made an offer for a different course, the student will be eligible to apply for an award.
11. Applications for the scholarship should be submitted on the dedicated online form by **21 May, 2026**.
12. A link to the online application form will be emailed to relevant offer holders. We cannot accept late applications under any circumstances.
13. Applicants must select Manchester as their UCAS Firm choice by **21 May 2026**
14. Students must have satisfied all academic and non-academic offer conditions of their course including English language, if applicable, by 20 August 2026

15. In addition to meeting the course offer conditions you must also satisfy certain minimum grades to be eligible for the Scholarship. These are as follows:
 - A Level: AAA
 - French Baccalaureate: 16 out of 20
 - IB Diploma: 36 Points with no HL below 6
 - Indian XII: Overall score of 90% with no score below 85% across the five best subjects.
16. Students must meet the specific course offer grade requirements as well as the above minima.
17. Should an applicant be offered a Global Futures Scholarship and then fail to meet the academic offer conditions of the course to which they had originally applied, the scholarship offer will be withdrawn.
18. The decision of the selection panel is final, and appeals will not be considered.
19. The award is for courses starting in September 2026
20. The award cannot be deferred to a later intake cycle.
21. The award is not transferrable.
22. Awardees are responsible for any tax obligations associated with the scholarship, per applicable local laws.
23. Where an applicant has not yet received their results at the point of making a scholarship application, academic merit will be assessed based on predicted grades from their school and results of any previous tests or examinations.
24. The scholarship cannot be used in conjunction with other University of Manchester awards.
25. Applicants must complete all sections of the application form. Incomplete forms will not be considered in the selection process.
26. Students may only submit one scholarship application even if they apply for multiple courses. Where students submit multiple scholarship applications only the first will be considered.
27. Awardees will be selected based on academic merit, but we will endeavour to achieve a balance in the allocation of the awards by gender, domicile and qualification type. We may also give greater credit to applicants for courses of study where students from this region are underrepresented.
28. The award is granted for up to three years dependent on achieving overall marks of at least 60% in exams each year.
29. Where students register for a course with a Year in Industry, the award will be applied to Years One, Two and Four only i.e. it is not applied in the industrial placement year.
30. Awardees must seek approval from the International Office before making any changes to the programme of study, this includes course changes or any interruptions of study.
31. Successful candidates will be expected to work with the international recruitment team from time to time to serve as a student ambassador for the University during their period of study to help inform prospective students about study at Manchester. This may involve such activities as: attending physical or virtual presentations for prospective students; providing written or filmed testimonials/ vlogs and blogs for the University's website; or serving as an advocate to help promote the scholarship programme. It may also include the University's use of certain identifying data (such as the scholarship recipients' names, nationalities and courses of study) in the context of the above and related activities. The time commitment for ambassador activities should not typically exceed 8 hours per semester.
32. We will pass your details to our Division of Development and Alumni Relations who may contact you following graduation.

NB. For visa purposes, under UK Visas and Immigration regulations you must be able to demonstrate that you can pay the remainder of your tuition fees for Year 1 as well your living costs.

Awarding timeline Process. We will notify all successful applicants of the outcome of their award by **23 June, 2026**.