

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

### Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates – Master’s Scholarships

**Award Value: £10,000 for high performing students from Saudi Arabia or the United Arab Emirates.**

#### Eligibility

Eligibility will be based on the following:

1. Applicants will only be considered for these awards if they are permanently resident 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 a resident, not a country where you are only living for the purpose of full-time education.
3. Applicants must be classified as 'international' for tuition-fee purposes. (This is sometimes also referred to as 'overseas' for tuition-fee purposes.)
4. Applicants must be self-funded i.e. not sponsored by a government or commercial funder.
5. The award will be made as a discount on international tuition fees and no payment will be made to the applicant.
6. For courses with a duration of more than one year the discount will apply to the first year of tuition fees only.
7. Applicants must have an offer of a place on an eligible master’s programme by **4 June 2026**.
8. Applications for MBA, MPhil, MEnt, Master of Architecture (MArch), Architecture & Urbanism (MA) and Master of Landscape Architecture (MLA), Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE), Clinical Medicine and Dentistry degrees are **not** eligible for the award.
9. Several 'Master’s by Research' courses are not eligible for this award. These programmes are listed in the appendix below.
10. Applicants must have an offer to study a full-time on-campus master’s programme at The University of Manchester in the UK before applying for the scholarship.
11. Applicants for part-time or blended and distance learning programmes are not eligible for the award.
12. Applicants must apply for the scholarship via an online form **4 June 2026**
13. The link to the application form will be emailed to all offer holders.
14. 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.
15. Applications will be considered based on academic merit and the quality of their scholarship application.
16. Decisions will be made on the applicants’ performance in their bachelor’s degree. Students who have completed postgraduate qualifications are welcome to apply but we will only consider bachelor’s degrees when allocating the awards.

17. Applicants must complete all sections of the application form. Incomplete forms will not be considered in the selection process.
18. Should any of the grade information you provide prove to be false, the University reserves the right to withdraw the award.
19. The award is not transferrable.
20. The award cannot be deferred to a later intake cycle.
21. Awardees are responsible for any tax obligations associated with the scholarship, per applicable local laws.
22. 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.
23. The scholarship **cannot** be used in conjunction with any other internal full tuition awards such as the Equity and Merit programme and Women in STEM.
24. Successful candidates must be willing 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. This may entail attending physical or virtual presentations for prospective students, providing written or filmed testimonials for the University's website and acting as an advocate for the scholarship programme. It may also include the University's use of select identifying data (such as the scholarship recipients' names, home country, and courses of study) in the context of the above and related activities. The time commitment for ambassador activities should not typically exceed 8 hrs per semester.
25. We will pass your details to our Alumni Office 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 as well your living costs.

Awarding timeline Process. We will notify all successful applicants by **10 July, 2026**.

## **Appendix 1. Excluded MRes Courses**

**Applicants for the following Master's by Research courses will not be eligible for the Global Futures Scholarships.**

- MSc by Research Advanced Functional Materials and Analytical Science
- MSc by Research Astronomy and Astrophysics
- MSc by Research Atmospheric Sciences
- MSc by Research Basin Studies and Petroleum Geoscience
- MSc by Research Biochemical and Bioprocess Engineering
- MSc by Research Biological Physics
- MSc by Research Biomaterials
- MSc by Research Catalysis and Porous Materials
- MSc by Research Chemical Engineering
- MSc by Research Coatings and Ceramics
- MSc by Research Condensed Matter Physics
- MSc by Research Earth, Atmospheric and Environmental Sciences
- MSc by Research Environmental Science
- MSc by Research Fashion Management and Marketing
- MSc by Research Imaging and Characterisation
- MSc by Research Isotope Geochemistry and Cosmochemistry
- MSc by Research Metallurgy and Corrosion
- MSc by Research Multi-scale Modelling
- MSc by Research Nano and Functional Materials
- MSc by Research Nuclear Physics
- MSc by Research Palaeontology
- MSc by Research Particle Accelerator Physics
- MSc by Research Particle Physics
- MSc by Research Photon Physics
- MSc by Research Physics
- MSc by Research Polymers and Composites
- MSc by Research Soft Matter and Liquid Crystals Physics
- MSc by Research Sustainable Industrial Systems
- MSc by Research Textiles and Apparel
- MSc by Research Theoretical Physics
- MSc by Research Chemistry
- MSc by Research Earth Science
- MSc by Research Environmental Geochemistry and Geomicrobiology
- MSc by Research Composite Materials
- MSc by Research Corrosion and Protection
- MSc by Research Metallic Materials
- MSc by Research Textile Design, Fashion & Management
- MSc by Research Fluids and Soft Matter Physics
- MSc by Research Materials
- MSc by Research Ecology and Evolution