

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

Africa – Master’s Scholarships

Award Value: £18,000 for high performing students from the countries listed below.

Eligibility

Eligibility will be based on meeting the following criteria:

1. Applicants will only be considered for these awards if they are a permanent resident in one of the following countries: Botswana, Egypt, Ghana; Kenya; Nigeria, South Africa and Zimbabwe. To be considered as domiciled in these countries 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 apply for the scholarship via an online form by **23rd April 2026** and will be considered based on academic merit and the quality of their supporting statement. We will endeavour to achieve a balance by gender and domicile in the allocation of the awards. We may also give greater credit to applicants for courses of study where students from your country are underrepresented.
5. The link to the application form will be emailed to relevant offer holders between December 2025 and the deadline day.
6. Applicants must hold an unconditional offer to study a full-time on-campus course at The University of Manchester by the above deadline of **23rd April 2026**.
7. Applicants must have taken their bachelor’s degree within Africa. Students who have completed a higher education qualification outside of Africa will not be eligible to apply for the awards.
8. Students will require a minimum of a second-class upper degree or overseas equivalent to be considered for the awards.
9. Applicants for the African regional awards must have completed their bachelor’s degree and satisfied all academic and non-academic conditions of their offer by the closing date.
10. Decisions will be based on 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.
11. Applicants must complete all sections of the application form. Incomplete forms will not be considered in the selection process.
12. If offered a scholarship, awardees must accept the award by the date specified in the scholarship offer.
13. Awardees must accept their course offer and pay their CAS deposit, if required, by 23rd July 2026. Some courses will have an earlier acceptance deposit instead. If this the case for your course, then you must pay this deposit by the date stated on your offer letter in order to

avoid losing your place on the course. **After 23rd July 2026, the award will be withdrawn if no deposit has been paid.**

14. Should any of the information you provide prove to be false, The University reserves the right to withdraw the award.
15. The award will be made as a discount on international tuition fees and no payment will be made to the awardee.
16. Applicants must be classified as 'international' for tuition-fee purposes.
17. Applicants must be self-funded (i.e., not sponsored by a government or commercial funder).
18. For courses with a duration of more than one year, the discount will apply to the first year of tuition fees only.
19. The award applies only to full-time courses of study delivered at The University of Manchester's UK campus in Manchester.
20. Applicants for blended and distance learning programmes are not eligible for the award.
21. 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.
22. Several 'master's by Research' courses are not eligible for this award. These programmes are listed in the appendix, below.
23. Awardees for the Great Scholarship Scheme will **not** be eligible for the Global Futures Scholarships. In the event of being offered both awards the awardee must select one.
24. 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.
25. The scholarship **cannot** be used in conjunction with any other internal awards such as the Equity and Merit Scholarship, the Humanitarian Scholarship, and Women in STEM.
26. The award cannot be deferred to a later intake cycle.
27. Students may only submit one scholarship application even if they apply for multiple courses. Where students submit multiple scholarship applications only the final one submitted before the deadline will be considered.
28. 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 certain 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.
29. 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 as well your living costs.

Awarding timeline Process. We will notify all successful applicants by **Friday 29th May 2026**.

Appendix 1. Excluded MSc by Research Courses

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

- MSc by Research in Physics
- MSc by Research in Astronomy and Astrophysics
- MSc by Research Chemistry
- MSc by Research Earth Science
- MSc by Research Atmospheric Sciences
- MSc by Research Environmental Geochemistry and Geomicrobiology
- MSc by Research Palaeontology
- 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 Condensed Matter Physics
- MSc Research Soft Matter & Liquid Crystals Physics
- MSc by Research Nuclear Physics
- MSc by Research Particle Physics
- MSc by Research Fluids and Soft Matter Physics
- MSc by Research Chemical Engineering
- MSc by Research Catalysis and Porous Materials
- MSc by Research Materials
- MSc by Research Fashion Management and Marketing
- MSc by Research Nano and Functional Materials
- MSc by Research Environmental Science
- MSc by Research Textiles and Apparel
- MSc by Research Ecology and Evolution