

1. What is the Fast Track Scheme?

The Fast Track scheme is a simplified application process for final year students to apply for a Master's degree.

2. How do I know if I'm eligible for Fast Track?

Applicants must have a second-year minimum average of 55% to be eligible for the School of Social Sciences Fast Track.

3. How do I apply for Fast Track?

It's a quick and simple process. Just complete the application form with no requirement for transcripts or references. Please be aware that Visual Anthropology and Data Science require a CV as part of the application process and are not available via Fast Track.

4. How many courses can I apply for through Fast Track?

You can choose a maximum of 3 programmes. Please put these in order of preference. We will only generate a Fast Track offer for one course. If we cannot make an offer for your preferred course (e.g. if it's full), we will look to make you an offer for your second or third preference.

5. I am studying my UG degree in SoSS, but can I apply through Fast Track to a Master's course in a different School?

Yes. Each School has a different application link for Fast Track. Please refer to the Fast Track invite for the correct link for the School you would like to apply to.

[School of Social Sciences](#)

[School of Arts, Languages and Cultures](#)

[School of Environment, Education and Development](#)

[Alliance Manchester Business School](#)

6. Are Fast Track places guaranteed?

Fast track offers will be made subject to availability. To be eligible for an offer, applicants must also meet any subject specific requirements for their chosen course of study and should check the entry requirements before applying. Applicants will also need to meet the conditions of their offer (as outlined in their offer letter) to be accepted onto the course of study.

7. What financial support is available?

The university offers financial support, including a 10% alumni discount on tuition fees and a range of School awards. For further details, visit the [SoSS Fees and Funding page](#). You may also be eligible for a Postgraduate Master's Loan from Student Finance.

8. What is the deadline to apply?

The deadline to apply for the Fast Track scheme is Friday, 31 July 2026.