

Equity & Merit Scholarships: 2027/28 Application Form

1. Check if you meet the eligibility criteria to apply

Check our [webpage](#) to make sure you meet all of our eligibility criteria.

Please confirm that you meet the eligibility criteria for the scholarship.

- I am a resident citizen and national of one of the following countries: Ethiopia, Malawi, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda or Zimbabwe.
- I hold a bachelor's degree from a recognised institution with the required grade. My degree was awarded before September 2025.
- I have checked the list of [Eligible Qualifications for Equity and Merit Scholarships](#) and confirm that I meet all the academic entry requirements.
- I have at least two years' professional experience related to my chosen field of study. This does not include unpaid internships or voluntary work.
- I have not previously studied outside of Africa (training of six months or less does not count).
- I have a clear understanding of how studying at Manchester will benefit both my career and the wider community.
- I am committed to returning home and can demonstrate the potential to make a positive impact on the future of my home country.

If you cannot confirm yes to every statement, you are not eligible to apply for this scholarship.

☐ I confirm that all the eligibility statements above are true and that I meet all of the criteria required to apply for the E&M scholarship.

2. How to complete this application

Please read carefully before you continue.

Application Timeline

- The deadline for scholarship applications is 31 August 2026 at 1700hrs (BST).
- You do not need to have an academic offer of admission to apply for the scholarship.
- If your scholarship application meets our eligibility criteria, we will invite you to apply for academic admission.
- Applications for master's courses officially open on 10 October 2026.

Completing the Form

- Most questions on the form are mandatory. If a question does not apply to you, please write "n/a".
- If you want to pause and return to the form later: Make sure your email address is entered correctly.
 - Use the "Save and continue" option.
 - You will receive an email with a link to continue your application.
 - If you do not receive it, please check your junk/spam folder.

Required Documents

You must upload the following documents with your application. **Documents sent separately by email will not be considered.**

1. Reference

- A reference from someone familiar with your professional experience - usually a manager at your current or more recent employer.
- It must be written on official company letterhead and addressed to '**Equity & Merit Scholarships at The University of Manchester**'.
- It does not need to be sent confidentially and there is no fixed format. For more information, see this [Reference Guidance](#) document.

2. Degree certificates and transcripts

- These must show all subjects studied and grades achieved.

3. English Language Certificate

- Upload a valid English language qualification certificate, if you have one.
- Eligible candidates must provide evidence of their English language qualification by 30 November 2026.

Submitting Your Application

- You will not receive a confirmation email
- After you click the **Submit** button, a confirmation page will appear on the screen.

- We recommend printing or saving a copy your application for your records.
- If you inadvertently submit an incomplete application, you may resubmit it when ready. We will disregard the original submission.

[Privacy Notice for prospective students, applicants and offer-holders](#)

3. Personal Details

Please complete this section in full.

Which country are you a resident citizen and national of?

- ☐ Ethiopia ☐ Malawi
☐ Rwanda ☐ Tanzania
☐ Uganda ☐ Zimbabwe

Name

Write your name exactly as it appears in your passport or travel document. If you only have one name, please enter it in both the 'Given name' and 'Family name' fields.

Family Name

Given Name

Please tell us your preferred name (the name you want us to use when we contact you).

Date of birth

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How old will you be on 1 September 2027?

Gender

☐ Female

☐ Male

Place of Birth

City

Country

Father's personal details

Name

Occupation

Mother's personal details

Name

Occupation

Address

Street/Road name (& house/building number if available)

City

County/District/Region

Postal/Area Code

Email address

Main email address

Re-type email address

Mobile Telephone Number (please include international dialling code)

4. Academic Information - bachelor degree

**Please tell us where you studied for your bachelor degree.
Institutions are listed by country.**

Ethiopia

- ☐ Addis Ababa University
- ☐ Bahir Dar University
- ☐ Haramaya University
- ☐ Hawassa University
- ☐ HilCoE School of Computer Science and Technology
- ☐ Jimma University
- ☐ Mekelle University
- ☐ Unity University
- ☐ University of Gondar

Malawi

- ☐ Malawi University of Science and Technology
- ☐ Mzuzu University
- ☐ University of Malawi

Rwanda

- ☐ African Institute for Mathematical Sciences
- ☐ Carnegie Mellon University in Rwanda
- ☐ Kigali Institute of Education (KIE)
- ☐ Kigali Institute of Health (KIH)
- ☐ Kigali Institute of Management (KIM)
- ☐ Kigali Institute of Science and Technology (KIST)
- ☐ Mount Kenya University - Kigali Campus
- ☐ University of Rwanda (National University of Rwanda) (all colleges)

Tanzania

- ☐ Aga Khan University
- ☐ Ardhi University (formerly University College of Lands and Architectural Studies, UDSM)
- ☐ Dar es Salaam Institute of Technology
- ☐ Kilimanjaro Christian Medical University College
- ☐ Mbeya University of Science and Technology
- ☐ Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences
- ☐ Mzumbe University
- ☐ Open University of Tanzania
- ☐ Sokoine University of Agriculture
- ☐ The Nelson Mandela African Institution of Science and Technology
- ☐ The State University of Zanzibar
- ☐ The University of Dodoma
- ☐ University of Dar es Salaam

Uganda

- ☐ Busitema University
- ☐ Gulu University
- ☐ Kyambogo University
- ☐ Makerere University Business School
- ☐ Makerere University

- ☐ Mbarara University of Science and Technology
- ☐ Muni University
- ☐ Ndejje University
- ☐ Soroti University
- ☐ Uganda Management Institute

Zimbabwe

- ☐ Bindura University of Science Education
- ☐ Chinhoyi University of Technology
- ☐ Harare Institute of Technology
- ☐ Lupane State University
- ☐ Midlands State University
- ☐ National University of Science and Technology
- ☐ University of Zimbabwe
- ☐ Zimbabwe Open University

Subject/Programme of study

How many years of study was this programme?

- ☐ 1
- ☐ 2
- ☐ 3
- ☐ 4
- ☐ 5

When you did you complete your undergraduate studies?

Date

**What was your final grade? Please give either the overall grade, or percentage or Cumulative GPA.
(CGPA/Percentage/Grade)**

Cumulative GPA

- ☐ 3.2
- ☐ 3.3
- ☐ 3.4
- ☐ 3.5
- ☐ 3.6
- ☐ 3.7
- ☐ 3.8
- ☐ 3.9
- ☐ 4.0
- ☐ 4.1
- ☐ 4.2
- ☐ 4.3
- ☐ 4.4
- ☐ 4.5
- ☐ 4.6
- ☐ 4.7
- ☐ 4.8
- ☐ 4.9
- ☐ 5.0

Percentage %

- ☐ 70
- ☐ 71
- ☐ 72
- ☐ 73
- ☐ 74

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- ☐ 96
- ☐ 97
- ☐ 98
- ☐ 99
- ☐ 100

Grade

- ☐ 1st
- ☐ 2.1

5. Academic Information - master's degree

If you don't have a master's please leave blank and move on to the next page

Where did you study for your master's degree?
Institutions are listed by country.

Ethiopia

- ☐ Addis Ababa University
- ☐ Bahir Dar University
- ☐ Haramaya University
- ☐ Hawassa University
- ☐ HilCoE School of Computer Science and Technology
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- ☐ Mekelle University
- ☐ Unity University
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- ☐ Harare Institute of Technology

- ☐ Lupane State University
- ☐ Midlands State University
- ☐ National University of Science and Technology
- ☐ University of Zimbabwe
- ☐ Zimbabwe Open University

Subject/programme of study

When did you complete your postgraduate studies?

Date

**What was your final grade? Please give either the overall grade, or percentage or Cumulative GPA.
(CGPA/Percentage/Grade)**

Cumulative GPA

- ☐ 3.0
- ☐ 3.1
- ☐ 3.2
- ☐ 3.3
- ☐ 3.4
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Percentage %

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- ☐ 96
- ☐ 97
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- ☐ 99
- ☐ 100

Grade

- ☐ 1st
- ☐ 2.1

6. Other Qualifications and Education

Please provide details of the schools you attended from the age of 11.

	School	Qualification Type	Date Completed
1			
2			
3			

Please include any other qualifications relevant to this application and the date obtained

7. English Language Qualification

Which recognised English language qualification do you have

- ☐ IELTS Academic
- ☐ IELTS UKVI
- ☐ TOEFL iBT
- ☐ Pearson PTE Academic
- ☐ Pearson PTE Academic UKVI
- ☐ I don't have a recognised English language qualification.

English Language Test scores

Please provide your most recent test results.

Test results are only valid for two years. Your English Language test report must be valid on the start date of the master's course.

	OVERALL	Listening	Reading	Writing	Speaking
Test score					
Date of test (dd/mm/yyyy)					

8. Work Experience

Please list all positions held with the most recent first.

	Position/Job Title	Name of Employer	Nature of Work/ Job Role	Start Date (MM/YYYY)	End Date (MM/YYYY)
1					
2					
3					
4					

	Position/Job Title	Name of Employer	Nature of Work/ Job Role	Start Date (MM/YYYY)	End Date (MM/YYYY)
5					

9. Programme Choice

Please select the course you wish to study.

Full details of courses available for the scholarship can be found on our [webpage](#).

Note: course availability may change as the final list of 2027/28 programmes will be confirmed in October 2026.

- ☐ LLM Corporate Governance
- ☐ LLM Intellectual Property Law
- ☐ LLM International Business and Commercial Law
- ☐ LLM International Economic Law
- ☐ LLM International Financial Law
- ☐ LLM Public International Law
- ☐ LLM Security and International Law
- ☐ MA Education for a Sustainable Environment
- ☐ MA Educational Leadership
- ☐ MA Humanitarianism and Conflict Response
- ☐ MA International Education
- ☐ MA International Education (Equity, Diversity and Inclusion)
- ☐ MA International Education (Higher Education)
- ☐ MA International Education (TESOL)
- ☐ MA Peace and Conflict Studies
- ☐ MA TESOL
- ☐ MPH Public Health (Online - 3-5yrs part-time)
- ☐ MSc Advanced Chemical Engineering
- ☐ MSc Advanced Computer Science

- ☐ MSc Advanced Control and Systems Engineering
- ☐ MSc Advanced Manufacturing Technology and Systems Management
- ☐ MSc Analytical Chemistry and Measurement Science (Online - min. 26 months, part-time)
- ☐ MSc Artificial Intelligence
- ☐ MSc Audiology
- ☐ MSc Bioinformatics and Systems Biology
- ☐ MSc Biological Sciences
- ☐ MSc Cell Biology
- ☐ MSc Climate Change: Science, Society and Solutions
- ☐ MSc Clinical Immunology
- ☐ MSc Commercial Project Management
- ☐ MSc Communications and Signal Processing
- ☐ MSc Computer-Aided Drug Discovery for Cancer Therapeutics
- ☐ MSc Construction Project Management
- ☐ MSc Cyber Security
- ☐ MSc Data Analytics and Social Statistics (Online - min. 27 months, part-time)
- ☐ MSc Data Science (Earth and Environmental Analytics)
- ☐ MSc Data Science (Urban Analytics)
- ☐ MSc Development Economics and Policy
- ☐ MSc Digital Development
- ☐ MSc Electrical Power Systems Engineering
- ☐ MSc Engineering Project Management
- ☐ MSc Environmental Governance
- ☐ MSc Environmental Impact Assessment and Management
- ☐ MSc Environmental Monitoring, Modelling and Reconstruction
- ☐ MSc Geographical Information Science
- ☐ MSc Global Development
- ☐ MSc Global Development (Development Management)

- ☐ MSc Global Development (Environment and Climate Change)
- ☐ MSc Global Development (Globalisation, Trade and Industry)
- ☐ MSc Global Development (Politics, Governance and Development Policy)
- ☐ MSc Global Development (Poverty and Inequality)
- ☐ MSc Global Health (Distance Learning - 3yrs, part-time)
- ☐ MSc Global Urban Development and Planning
- ☐ MSc Green Infrastructure
- ☐ MSc Health Data Science
- ☐ MSc Human Resource Development (International Development)
- ☐ MSc Human Resource Management (International Development)
- ☐ MSc Infection Biology
- ☐ MSc International Development: Public Policy and Management
- ☐ MSc International Disaster Management
- ☐ MSc International Disaster Management and Humanitarian Response (Distance Learning)
- ☐ MSc International Fashion Marketing
- ☐ MSc International Fashion Retailing
- ☐ MSc International Fashion Retailing (Entrepreneurship and Innovation)
- ☐ MSc Investigative Ophthalmology and Vision Science
- ☐ MSc Machine Learning
- ☐ MSc Management and Implementation of Development Projects
- ☐ MSc Management and Information Systems: Change and Development
- ☐ MSc Management of Projects
- ☐ MSc Materials Engineering for Sustainability in Demanding Environments
- ☐ MSc Mechanical Engineering Design
- ☐ MSc Medical and Molecular Virology
- ☐ MSc Medical Microbiology
- ☐ MSc Model-based Drug Development - Pharmacokinetic and Pharmacodynamic Modelling
- ☐ MSc Occupational Hygiene (Distance Learning - 2-3yrs, part-time)

- ☐ MSc Occupational Medicine (Distance Learning - 2-3yrs, part-time)
- ☐ MSc Organisational Change and Development
- ☐ MSc Pollution and Environmental Control
- ☐ MSc Pollution and Environmental Control (Online - 2-5yrs, part-time)
- ☐ MSc Polymer Materials Science and Engineering
- ☐ MSc Renewable Energy and Clean Technology
- ☐ MSc Research Methods with International Development
- ☐ MSc Robotics
- ☐ MSc Subsurface Energy Engineering
- ☐ MSc Sustainable Electrical Power Systems Engineering (Online - min. 30 months, part-time)
- ☐ MSc Textile Technology (Technical Textiles)
- ☐ MSc Transformative Oncology (Online - 3-5yrs part-time)

10. Personal Statement

What are your reasons for choosing the proposed course?

You should pay special attention to explaining how your work experience relates to your choice of course.

You should write between 250-300 words. The answer should be completed in your own words. We want to hear about your experiences and motivations in your own voice. Use of AI-generated content will not strengthen your application and answers which rely heavily on AI-generated responses make it harder for the panel to assess your suitability for the scholarship.

How will obtaining a master's degree from Manchester, help you to improve the lives of others? Be specific and realistic.

You should write between 250-300 words. The answer should be completed in your own words. We want to hear about your experiences and motivations in your own voice. Use of AI-generated content will not strengthen your application and answers which rely heavily on AI-generated responses make it harder for the panel to assess your suitability for the scholarship.

11. Documents

Please attach the following documents in PDF format.

- A signed reference
- Copy of your degree certificate(s)
- Copy of your degree transcripts
- Copy of English language certificate (if available; if not, must be provided by 30 November 2026)

Important notes:

- If any document has multiple pages, please merge them into a single PDF before uploading.
- Ensure that all documents are scanned the correct way up.
- Do not attach any documents that have not been requested - they will not be considered as part of your application.

CHECKLIST

Have you included all the required documents?

- ☐ Signed reference
- ☐ Copy of your degree certificate(s)
- ☐ Copy of your degree transcripts
- ☐ Copy of English language certificate (if available; if not, must be provided by 30 November 2026)

12. Declaration

I confirm that the information and responses provided in this application are my own work and are an honest and accurate representation of my experiences and circumstances. I understand that providing false, misleading or incomplete information may result in the refusal, withdrawal or termination of a scholarship award.

- ☐ Confirm

13. Other Questions

1. Have you previously applied for, or been interviewed for an Equity and Merit Scholarship?

- ☐ Applied
- ☐ Interviewed
- ☐ No

2. Please tell us how you first heard about the scholarship? (You may check more than one)

- | | |
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| ☐ The University of Manchester website | ☐ British Council |
| ☐ Recommended (i.e. Friend/Colleague/Family etc.) | ☐ Social media (i.e. LinkedIn/Instagram) |
| ☐ Search engine (i.e. Google/Yahoo! etc.) | ☐ Scholarship website/newsletter (specify below) |
| ☐ Blog/Forum (specify below) | |
| ☐ Manchester Student/Alumni (let us know who) | |

Please provide the web address of the scholarship newsletter, blog or website below

THANK YOU

This page confirms that we have received your application.

You will not receive a separate confirmation email.