The University of Manchester Global Futures Scholarship Eligibility and Application Criteria – 2027 awards

Africa – Undergraduate Scholarships

Award Value: £12,000 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 one of the following countries: Botswana, Egypt, Ghana, Kenya, Mauritius, 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. 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.
5. 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
    - IB Diploma
    - South African National Senior Certificate
    - NCUK International Foundation Year (Taken in Africa)
    - Bridge House College Foundation (Nigeria)
6. Applications for the scholarship should be submitted on the dedicated online form by the deadlines stated below which depend on the qualification you are taking.
    - **Application Round 1** is for students who already have results from exams taken in 2026 which can include South African NSC/IEB, November Series A Level. The deadline for Round 1 is **25 February 2027**
    - **Application Round 2** is for all other students taking eligible qualifications. The deadline for Round 2 is **8 April 2027**
7. A link to the online application form will be emailed to relevant offer holders. We cannot accept late applications under any circumstances.
8. Applicants must accept Manchester as their Firm UCAS choice by **15 May 2027**
9. Applicants for Medicine (MBChB), Dentistry (BDS), Architecture or any courses with an integrated foundation year are not eligible for the award.
10. Students taking eligible qualifications do not need their final results in order to apply for a Global Futures Scholarship but these must be shared with The University by 13 August 2027.

11. 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.
12. Scholarships for students South African NSC/IEB or applying in *Application Round 1* will be based upon actual grades attained following the results release in January 2027.
13. Students taking IB or NSC must have satisfied all academic and non-academic offer conditions of their course including English language by 10 July 2027.
14. Students taking A Level, NCUK IFY or Bridge House College Foundation must have satisfied all academic and non-academic offer conditions of their course including English language by 16 August 2027.
15. Should an applicant be offered a Global Futures award and then fail to meet the academic offer conditions for course originally applied for, the scholarship offer will be withdrawn.
16. In addition to meeting the course offer conditions you must also satisfy certain minimum grades to be eligible for the scheme. These are as follows:
    - A Level: AAA
    - Or IB: 36 Points
    - Or NCUK IFY: AAA
    - Bridge House College Foundation: AAA
    - Or South African IEB/NSC: 77766
17. The decision of the selection panel is final, and appeals will not be considered.
18. Students must meet the specific course offer grade requirements as well as the above minima.
19. Applicants must be classified as 'international' for tuition fee purposes.
20. Applicants who are fully sponsored by a government or commercial funder are ineligible for the Global Futures Scholarship. Students in receipt of a partial external scholarship can be considered, however, where appropriate, we will reduce the Global Futures award so that the combined funding does not exceed the tuition fee.
21. The scholarship cannot be used in conjunction with other University of Manchester awards.
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 award is for courses starting in September 2027 and cannot be deferred (i.e. postponed to a later intake cycle).
24. The award applies only to full-time courses of study delivered at The University of Manchester's UK campus in Manchester. Applicants for blended and distance learning programmes are not eligible for the award.
25. Applicants who have previously studied in the UK are not eligible for the award.
26. Applicants must complete all sections of the application form. Incomplete forms will not be considered in the selection process.
27. 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.
28. 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.
29. The award is granted for up to three years dependent on achieving overall marks of at least 60% in exams each year. We will only consider marks from the first sitting (resit marks cannot be used as a contribution towards the overall grade). If you have mitigating circumstances around your exam results, as approved by The University, inform us of these directly.
30. Where students register for a course with a Year in Industry, the award will be applied to Years One, Two and Four.
31. Successful candidates are expected to support the International Recruitment team as Global Futures Scholars during their studies, where opportunities arise. This may include, but is not limited to attending physical or virtual presentations for

prospective students; providing written or filmed testimonials for the University's website; participating in conversion call campaigns; and acting as an advocate for the scholarship programme. This would also include the University's use of select identifying data (such as the scholarship recipients' names, home country, and course(s) 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

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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 as follows:

- **Application Round 1** (South African NSC, November Series A Level and exams taken in 2026): successful applicants will be notified of the **decision by 2nd April 2027**
- **Application Round 2** (IB, A Level, NCUK IFY or Bridge House College Foundation taken in 2026) successful applicants will be notified **decision by 12th May 2027**