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FACULTY OF BIOLOGY, MEDICINE AND HEALTH
POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH

**'ARRIVING IN MANCHESTER
IN SEPTEMBER'**

26 AUGUST 2026

TODAY'S PANEL



CHRISTIAN WARD

Host; Marketing and
Recruitment



DR LIZZY COTTRELL

Academic Lead for PGR
Research Culture



KIRSTY EATON

Doctoral Academy -
Recruitment and Admissions



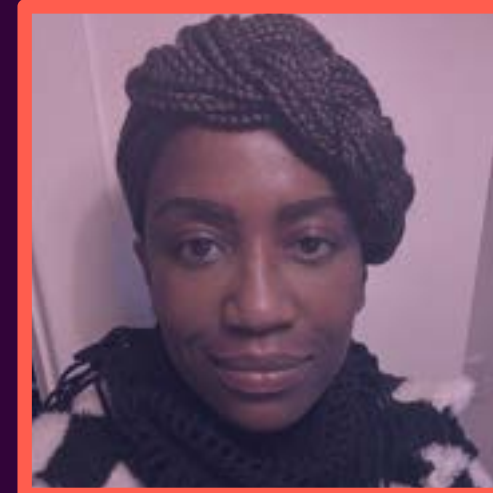
ALBERT JENNINGS

Doctoral Academy -
Progression and Welfare



ROB MOONEY

Student Immigration



MYRNA ROLLINS

Accommodation



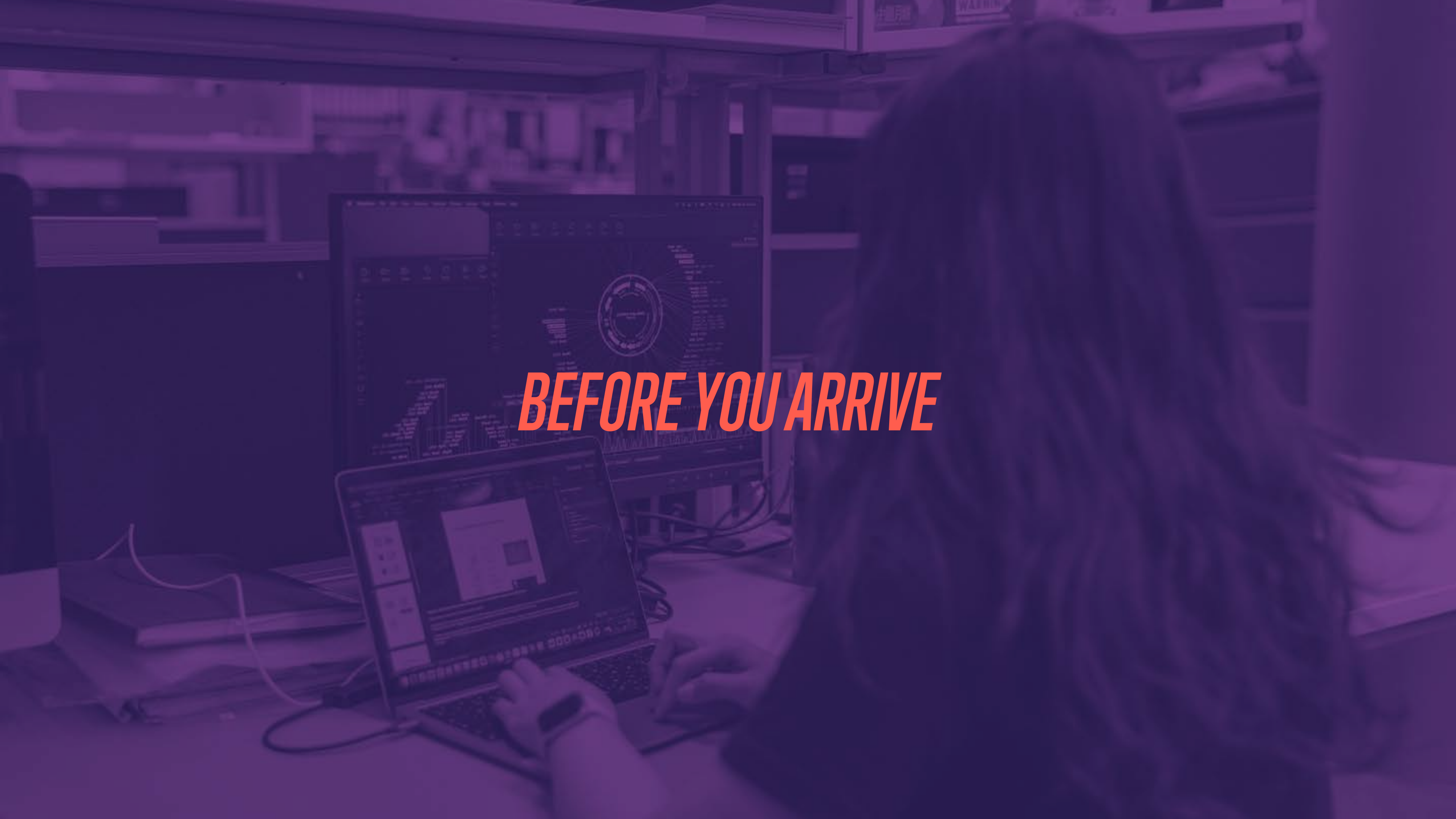
NERYS THORNHILL

Postgraduate researcher



ANMOYUL MOHON

Postgraduate researcher

A person with long dark hair is seen from behind, sitting at a desk in a library. They are working on a laptop. In the background, a large monitor displays a complex data visualization with a circular diagram and various charts. The scene is dimly lit, with the primary light source being the screens. The text "BEFORE YOU ARRIVE" is overlaid in a bold, orange, italicized font.

BEFORE YOU ARRIVE

ADMISSIONS

- **Accept your offer**
- **Meet any outstanding conditions:**
 - Certificates/transcripts
 - English language
 - ATAS
- **Complete right to study**
 - Two part process
 - International students only
- **Offer holder communications**
 - Sent before registration opens in September
 - Links to useful webpages
 - Invite to Facebook group
- **Registration**
 - From 1 September
 - Complete 10 steps

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CAS, ATAS & STUDENT VISA APPLICATIONS

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- **CAS (Confirmation of Acceptance of Studies)**

- You must have a CAS from the University before you can apply for a Student visa
- You need to have accepted an unconditional offer of study and completed the Applicant Right to Study check before a CAS can be issued to you
- Check your draft CAS is correct in MyManchester.

- **ATAS (Academic Technology Approval Scheme)**

- Your offer letter should confirm if you need ATAS clearance
- If required, you need to have obtained ATAS before you can get your CAS
- Applications take at least 30 working days, so apply as soon as possible and ensure the information you provide is accurate.

- **Student visa**

- Standard applications take 3 weeks. You can pay extra for priority processing.
- Prepare your supporting documents using our online guidance.
- Self-funded applicants must have held enough money to cover your first year's tuition and living expenses in your bank account for 28 days.
- Other documents you may need include: TB certificate, sponsorship letter, official translations, birth certificate & a signed consent letter.
- Check your eVisa before you travel to ensure everything is correct.



ACCOMMODATION

You...apply online
after receiving an offer to study

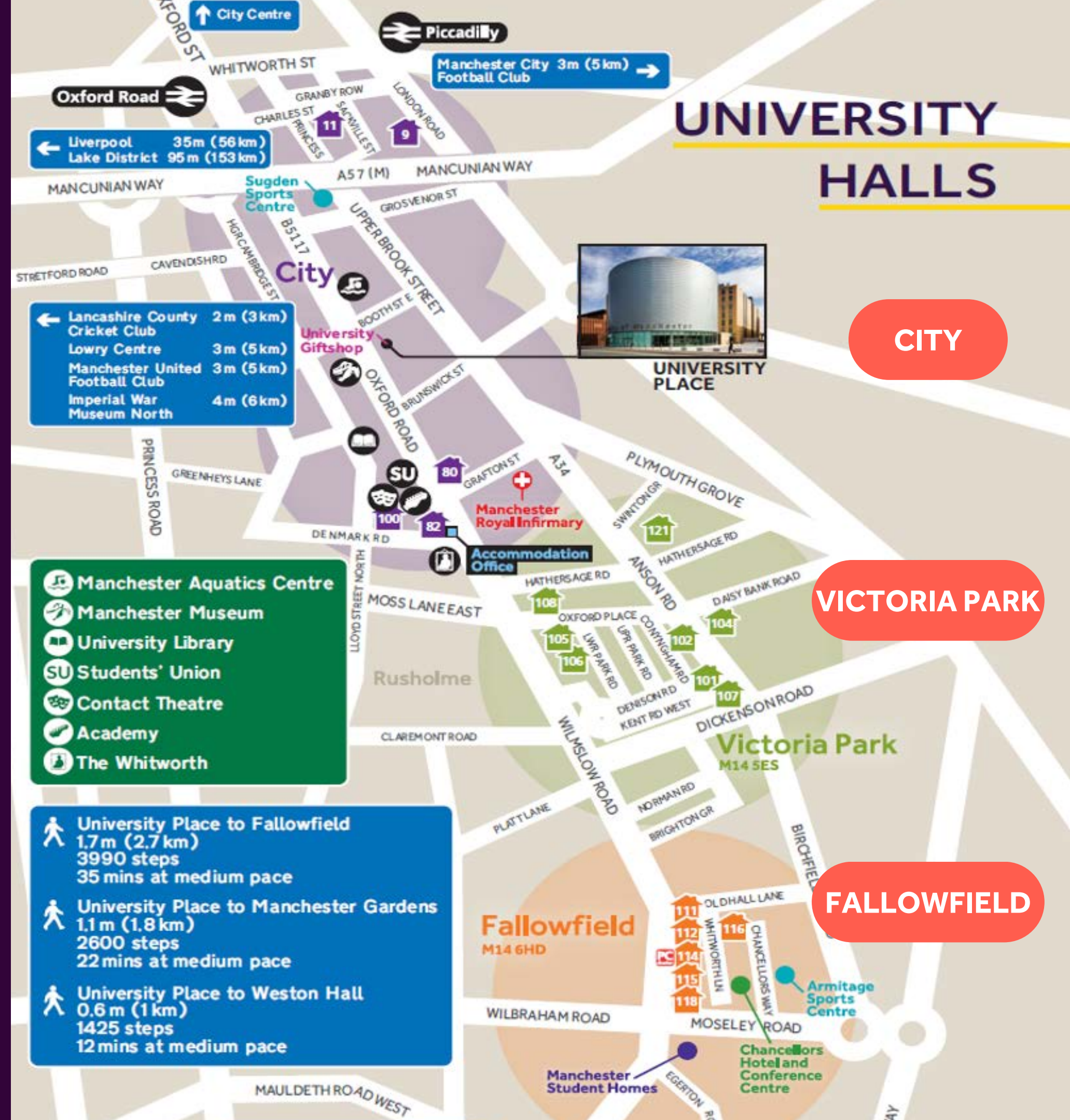
We...allocate and offer
from spring onwards

You...accept
4 days, £400 and T&Cs

Find out more and contact us

accommodation.manchester.ac.uk
accommodation@manchester.ac.uk

manchesterstudenthomes.com/Accommodation
msh@manchester.ac.uk





ARRIVING

DOCTORAL ACADEMY

- **Your central hub**
 - Your central hub for support, training and guidance throughout your PhD
 - Supports you from starting your research through to graduation
- **Access tailored training and development**
 - Build research, professional and career skills for your PhD and your future
 - Follow the structured Doctoral Academy Training Programme alongside your PhD
- **Access support**
 - Access wellbeing, pastoral and academic support
 - Speak to advisors and support services when you need
- **Plan and track your progress**
 - Use tools like eProg to plan and monitor your research
 - Keep your research on track towards submission with key milestones
- **Become part of our research community**
 - Connect with more than 1,000 PGRs across the Faculty
 - Get involved in societies, events and peer networks or become a PGR Rep
- **Access guidance and key information**
 - Use the Doctoral Academy website for policies, processes and expectations
 - Access support, training, events and contacts in one place

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DOCTORAL
ACADEMY
SUPPORT
HUB

COMMUNITY AND RESEARCH CULTURE

The Doctoral Academy is committed to creating a positive research environment for every postgraduate researcher and follows four key goals:

- **Healthy research and learning environment**
 - To promote a healthy research and learning environment that is founded on clear expectations, values and behaviours between PGRs and their academic networks;
- **Training, opportunity and support**
 - To provide training, opportunity and support, which maximise inclusion, equality, and development of PGRs across our institution.
- **Emphasis on wellbeing**
 - To place strong emphasis on the wellbeing of PGRs and broader academic activities including social and societal impact and career development;
- **Respect and collaboration**
 - To embed our PGRs in a community that values respect, collegiality and collaboration and which empowers PGRs to excel and succeed.

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REGISTRATION AND GETTING SET UP



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INDUCTION AND WELCOME ACTIVITIES

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FBMH Doctoral Academy Induction Event Thursday 1 October 2026, 10am - 4pm, Whitworth Hall

- Meet your key contacts from the Doctoral Academy
- Meet your PGR Reps
- Learn more about the support networks, training and opportunities available to you as a PGR in FBMH
- Network with new PGRs from across the Faculty
- Enjoy a complementary lunch and evening social

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/CWXnPUycUR>

You will need to have completed your University registration to register

School and Division Events

- Visit our 'Starting your PhD' page to browse other induction and welcome events for funded programmes, and to access other events taking place across your School or Division when confirmed:

bmh.manchester.ac.uk/study/research/offer-and-next-steps/starting-your-phd/

A group of six postgraduate researchers, three women and three men, are standing in a line on a paved area in front of a large, historic stone building. The building features a prominent arched entrance and the words "UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER" are visible at the top. The image has a purple color overlay. The researchers are dressed in casual attire; one woman on the left wears a hijab and glasses, another woman in the center wears a long grey dress and a headscarf, and the others are in various casual clothing like t-shirts, jeans, and jackets. The text "MEET OUR POSTGRADUATE RESEARCHERS" is written across the middle of the image in a bold, orange, italicized font.

MEET OUR POSTGRADUATE RESEARCHERS

MEET OUR POSTGRADUATE RESEARCHER



NERYS THORNHILL

Division of Molecular and
Cellular Function

MY JOURNEY TO POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH

- **About me**

- Structural Biology PhD student studying proteins using electron microscopy

- **Researching/funding**

- Funded by the FBMH Excellence in Diversity scholarship
- Research focuses on initiation factor complexes involved in the cellular stress response

- **Background**

- Undergraduate degree at the University of Warwick, started as Biochemistry BSc then transferred to Integrated Masters (MBio)

- **Motivation for doing a PhD**

- Keen to pursue a career in research - building skill-set for lab-based roles

- **Why Manchester?**

- Recognition of social responsibilities - strong commitment to diversity and inclusion
- In-house electron microscopy facility with the necessary resources to support my project



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ANMOYUL MOHON

Division of Immunology,
Immunity to Infection and
Respiratory Medicine

MY JOURNEY TO POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH

- **About me**

- Wellcome Trust PhD in Infection neuro-immunology and life science consultant at Nexcea Consulting

- **Researching/funding**

- Studying how brain immune cells and structural protein producing cell interact during T. brucei infection

- **Background**

- French-Bengali, 1st-gen university student; moved to UK during A-levels; MSci Pharmacology at KCL, with summer research placements at Cambridge University and LSHTM.

- **Motivation for doing a PhD**

- Interdisciplinary scientific training while exploring careers in biotech consulting/ investment

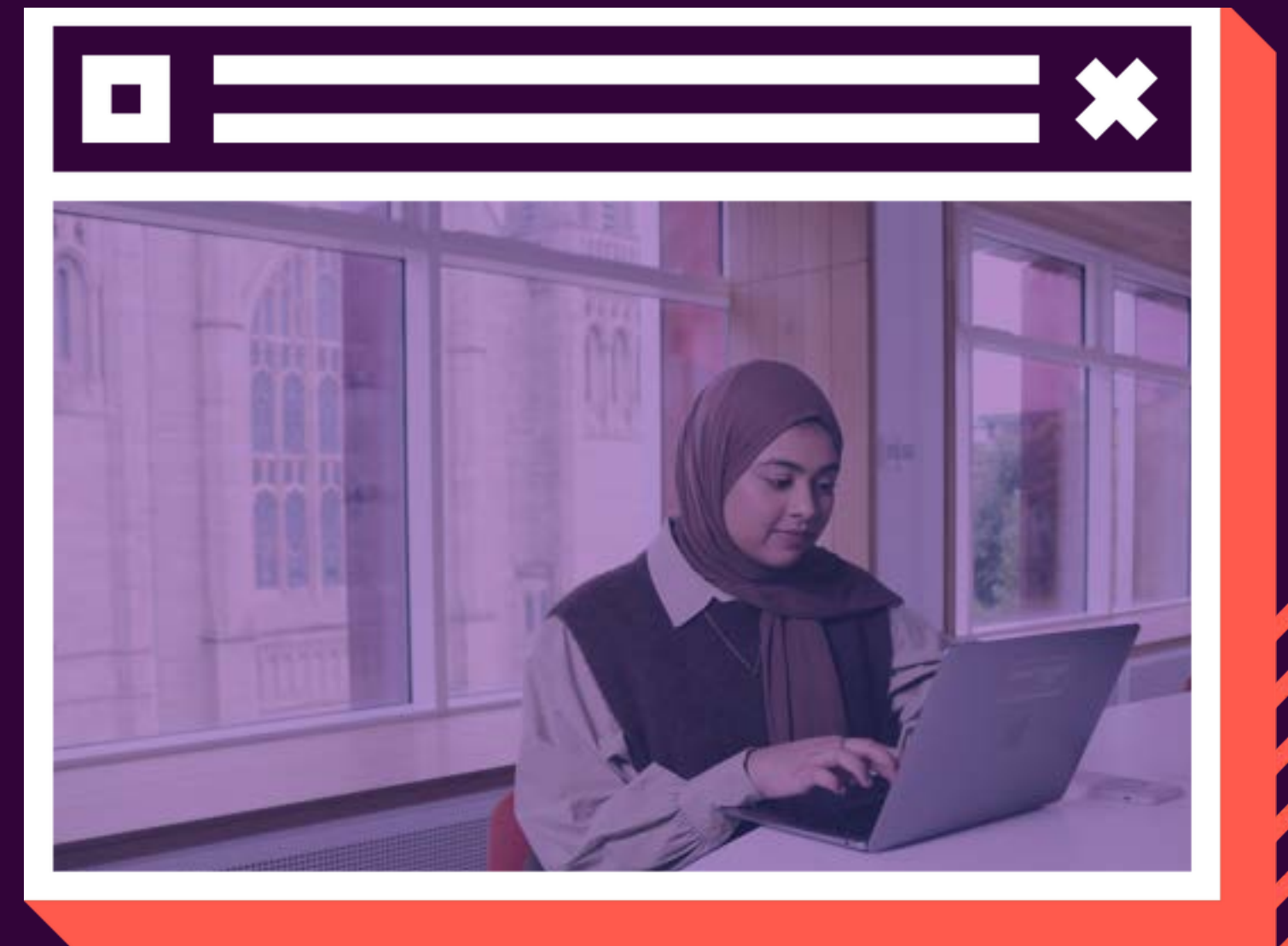
- **Why Manchester?**

- Strong neuro-immunology and matrix research, wanted to do a PhD internship outside pure research and experience UK life outside London



PANEL Q&A

GOT A QUESTION FOR OUR PANEL?
ADD IT TO THE Q&A CHAT



WHAT'S NEXT?

NEXT STEPS

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**CONFIRM
ACCOMMODATION**

**PREPARE
TRAVEL PLANS**

**COMPLETE
REGISTRATION**

**CHECK INDUCTION
INFORMATION**

**JOIN US IN
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[BMH.MANCHESTER.AC.UK/STUDY/RESEARCH/OFFER-AND-NEXT-STEPS/](https://bmh.manchester.ac.uk/study/research/offer-and-next-steps/)

KEY CONTACTS

- **Doctoral Academy - Admissions**
 - FBMH.doctoralacademy.admissions@manchester.ac.uk
- **Accommodation**
 - www.manchester.ac.uk/study/accommodation/
 - <https://www.manchesterstudenthomes.com/Accommodation>
 - accommodation@manchester.ac.uk
- **Student Immigration**
 - www.studentsupport.manchester.ac.uk/immigration-and-visas/
 - visa@manchester.ac.uk
- **Disability Advisory and Support Service**
 - www.dass.manchester.ac.uk/

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STAYING UP-TO-DATE

- **Bluesky**
 - [fbmhdacad.bsky.social](https://bsky.social/fbmhdacad)
- **Instagram**
 - [@fbmh_docacad](https://www.instagram.com/fbmh_docacad)
- **Facebook Group**
 - Faculty of Biology, Medicine and Health PGR Offer Holders for 2026/27
 - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2091716144981993/>
- **Email**
 - Updates and newsletter sent from Doctoral Academy
 - FBMH.doctoralacademy@manchester.ac.uk
- **On campus**
 - FBMH Doctoral Academy Support Hub, 1.93 Simon Building (open 9am-5pm, Monday to Friday)

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THANK YOU FOR JOINING US!

**LET US KNOW YOUR FEEDBACK
VIA OUR POST-EVENT SURVEY**



UOM.LINK/BMH-PGR-OH-WEBINAR-SURVEY

