Eligibility Criteria for Award of British Council GREAT Scholarship in partnership with The University of Manchester

2027 awards

Eligibility

Eligibility will be based on meeting the following criteria:

1. As per the GREAT Scholarship requirements, applicants will only be considered for these awards if they are a resident and passport holder of one of the following countries: Nigeria, Greece, Germany.
2. We consider your permanent country of residence to be the country in which you are ordinarily resident, not a country in which you are living solely for the purpose of full-time education.
3. The application form will only be sent after an offer has been made.
4. The link to the application form will be emailed to relevant offer holders between December 2026 and the deadline day. Relevant offer holders will be identified in accordance with the information supplied on their study application to The University of Manchester.
5. Applicants who have previously studied in the UK are not eligible for the award unless they have studied at The University of Manchester.
6. Awardees will be selected based on academic merit.
7. Applicants must apply for the scholarship via an online form by **4 May 2027** and will be considered based on academic merit and the quality of their scholarship application.
8. Applicants must hold a conditional or unconditional offer to study a full-time on-campus course at The University of Manchester by the above deadline of 4 May 2027. Applicants can apply either after having completed their bachelor's degree, or during their final year of a bachelor's degree.
9. Applicants for the Nigerian award must have completed their bachelor's degree within Africa. Applicants for the German or Greek awards must have completed their bachelor's degree within the EU or EEA.
   Students who have completed a higher education qualification outside of these regions cannot apply for the awards unless their qualification is from The University of Manchester.
10. Decisions will be made 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. If multiple application forms are submitted by an applicant then only the most recent application will be considered.

12. If offered a scholarship, awardees must accept the award by the date specified in the scholarship offer.
13. Awardees of the Nigerian scholarship must accept their course offer and pay their CAS deposit, if required, by 2 July 2027. Awardees of the Greek and German scholarships must accept their course offer and pay their CAS deposit, if required, by 13 August 2027. Some courses will have an earlier acceptance deposit instead. If this is 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 these deadlines, the award will be withdrawn if no deposit has been paid.
14. Should any of the grade 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 applicant.
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. Applicants for blended and distance learning programmes are not eligible for the award.
20. 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.
21. Several 'Master's by Research' courses are not eligible for this award. These programmes are listed in the appendix, below.
22. The scholarship may be used in conjunction with other partial University of Manchester internal awards subject to the conditions of the other award scheme.
23. If the amount of combined University of Manchester scholarships exceeds the total cost of the tuition fees, the tuition fees will be covered in full, but no payment will be made to the awardee.
24. Awardees for the Great Scholarship Scheme will **not** also be eligible for the Global Futures Scholarships. In the event of being offered both awards the awardee must select one of the scholarships.
25. The award applies only to full-time courses of study delivered at The University of Manchester in the UK.
26. 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.
27. The scholarship cannot be used in conjunction with other internal full tuition awards such as the Equity and Merit programme and Women in STEM.
28. The award cannot be deferred to a later intake cycle.
29. 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.

30. 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 select 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. Additionally, you will be asked to participate in British Council GREAT activities (see below).
31. We will pass your details to our Alumni Office 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 **Wednesday 9 June 2027.**

Appendix 1. Excluded MSc by Research Courses

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

- MSc by Research Advanced Functional Materials and Analytical Science
- MSc by Research Astronomy and Astrophysics
- MSc by Research Atmospheric Sciences
- MSc by Research Basin Studies and Petroleum Geoscience
- MSc by Research Biochemical and Bioprocess Engineering
- MSc by Research Biological Physics
- MSc by Research Biomaterials
- MSc by Research Catalysis and Porous Materials
- MSc by Research Chemical Engineering
- MSc by Research Coatings and Ceramics
- MSc by Research Condensed Matter Physics
- MSc by Research Earth, Atmospheric and Environmental Sciences
- MSc by Research Environmental Science
- MSc by Research Fashion Management and Marketing
- MSc by Research Imaging and Characterisation
- MSc by Research Isotope Geochemistry and Cosmochemistry
- MSc by Research Metallurgy and Corrosion
- MSc by Research Multi-scale Modelling
- MSc by Research Nano and Functional Materials
- MSc by Research Nuclear Physics
- MSc by Research Palaeontology
- MSc by Research Particle Accelerator Physics
- MSc by Research Particle Physics
- MSc by Research Photon Physics
- MSc by Research Physics

- MSc by Research Polymers and Composites
- MSc by Research Soft Matter and Liquid Crystals Physics
- MSc by Research Sustainable Industrial Systems
- MSc by Research Textiles and Apparel
- MSc by Research Theoretical Physics
- MSc by Research Earth Science
- MSc by Research Environmental Geochemistry and Geomicrobiology
- 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 Fluids and Soft Matter Physics
- MSc by Research Materials
- MSc by Research Ecology and Evolution

Profile of a GREAT Scholar

GREAT scholars must:

• be residents and passport holders of Nigeria, Germany or Greece
• be motivated and academically able to follow and benefit from a UK postgraduate taught course;
• meet the English language requirement of the UK University;
• be willing to embody the UK higher education experience, by attending lectures and tutorials and engaging with extra-curricular activities, and act as an ambassador for UK higher education, by promoting the value of studying at a UK University;
• be willing to establish an engagement with the UK as a scholar, through personal and academic fulfilment;
• represent the high standards of the GREAT brand by becoming an advocate for scholarships;
• be willing to attend a networking event of all UK-based GREAT scholars, to discuss experiences and capture perceptions of studying in the UK;
• be willing to demonstrate future contribution to capacity-building and socio-economic advancement through the benefits achieved after graduating from UK higher education;
• be willing to maintain contact with the British Council and act as an ambassador for the GREAT Scholarships, by sharing experiences of studying in the UK with future GREAT scholars;
• as an alumnus or alumna of the GREAT Scholarships, be willing occasionally to speak to potential candidates about their own experience of studying in the UK.

The University of Manchester is strongly committed to promoting equality and diversity, including the Athena SWAN charter for gender equality in higher education. For further details see: https://www.manchester.ac.uk/connect/jobs/equality-diversity-inclusion/ . All awards will be made on merit taking into account the University's strategic PGT teaching priorities.