MSc FINANCIAL CRIME AND COMPLIANCE IN DIGITAL SOCIETIES

Portfolio Requirements

APPLYING THROUGH THE PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE ROUTE

If you do not hold one of the specified ICA Professional Postgraduate Diplomas, you may be eligible to apply for the programme based on your academic qualifications and professional experience.

As part of your application, you must submit a portfolio demonstrating your relevant professional knowledge, skills and competencies.

Your portfolio must include:

- A two-page CV
- Two professional references
- An essay of no more than 1,500 words
- A written statement of no more than 2,000 words

Please ensure all elements of your portfolio are submitted as part of your application. The requirements for your references, essay and written statement are outlined below.

- **Your professional references should be submitted on either headed paper or sent directly from a verifiable professional/business email address. Personal addresses such as Gmail or Hotmail would not be considered verifiable for this purpose.**
- **An essay of no more than 1,500 words. This is a strict word limit.**

  Your essay should answer the following question:

  'What are the main current and emerging financial crime, compliance or governance risks faced by your organisation/sector? How are regulatory processes evolving to address these risks, and what challenges do they face?' (1,500 words)

  You will need to demonstrate critical analysis, draw on appropriate research and literature, and present your essay in an appropriate academic style. References should be included.

- **A written statement of no more than 2,000 words in total. This is a strict word limit. The written statement requires you to answer/ address the following:**

  Detail your experience in a senior management/ leadership position, with responsibility for leading teams or business units, strategic planning, implementing compliance programmes, managing compliance frameworks, and/or board engagement or reporting (400 words)

  Provide an example of how you have used research and data analysis to make informed compliance, risk or governance decisions (400 words)

  How do you utilise risk assessment, management and mitigation in your current or previous roles? (400 words)

  Provide an example of how you have tackled a complex compliance issue or crisis management situation, demonstrating critical thinking and problem-solving skills (400 words)

  How do you utilise advanced compliance tools, such as AI, machine learning, data analytics or reporting tools in your current or previous roles? (400 words)

For questions about the portfolio requirements, contact studyonline@manchester.ac.uk.