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

United States – Master's Scholarships

Award Value: $17,000 (USD) for high performing students from the United States of America.

Eligibility

Eligibility will be based on meeting the following criteria:

1. The award applies only to full-time courses of study delivered at The University of Manchester's campus in Manchester, England.
2. Applicants for the following are not eligible for the award:
   i. Blended and distance learning programmes are not eligible for the award.
   ii. 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.
   iii. Several 'Master's by Research' courses are not eligible for this award. These programmes are listed in the appendix below.
3. Eligibility is based on domicile as defined below rather than nationality.
4. 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 (this includes non-US students living in the United States only to study at a US university or college).
5. Applicants will only be considered for these awards if they are a permanent resident of the United States of America. To be considered as domiciled in the USA applicants must have predominantly resided there during the last three years.
6. Awardees will be selected based on academic merit; we will endeavour to achieve a balance by gender, domicile and course in the allocation of the awards.
7. Decisions will be made on the applicant's performance in their bachelor's degree.
8. Students will require a minimum of a second-class upper degree or overseas equivalent to be considered for the awards.
9. 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.
10. 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.
12. Should any of the grade information you provide prove to be false, the University reserves the right to withdraw the award.
13. Applicants who have applied to their academic course before **13 January 2027** will be eligible to apply for the scholarship without first holding an offer.

14. Applicants who have applied to their academic course after **13 January 2027** must be holding an offer to study a full-time on-campus course at The University of Manchester before applying to the scholarship.
15. Applicants must apply for the Scholarship via an online form by **11 March 2027** and will be considered based on academic merit and the quality of their application. The link to the application form will be emailed to all offer holders.
16. Awarding timeline process. We will notify all successful applicants by **16 April 2027.**
17. Applicants must be classified as 'international' for tuition-fee purposes.
18. The award will be made as a discount on international tuition fees and no payment will be made to the awardee.
19. Applicants must be self-funded (i.e. not sponsored by a government or commercial funder). Federal and Provincial student loan recipients are eligible to apply for this award.
20. For courses with a duration of more than one year the discount will apply to the first year of tuition fees only.
21. 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, subject to the conditions of the other award.
22. The scholarship cannot be used in conjunction with other internal full tuition awards such as the 'Equity and Merit' programme and 'Women in STEM'.
23. Awardees for the NAFUM Scholarship will not be eligible for the Global Futures Scholarships; in the event of being offered both awards the awardee must select one of the scholarships.
24. Awardees must seek approval from the International Office before making any changes to the programme of study within the scope of this award, this includes course changes or any interruptions of study.
25. The award cannot be deferred to a later intake cycle.
26. Awardees must accept their course offer and pay their CAS deposit, if required, by 25 July 2027. Some courses will have an earlier acceptance deposit instead. If this 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 25 July 2027, the award will be withdrawn if no deposit has been paid.**
27. Successful candidates must be willing to work with the international student 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.
28. We will share your student details with our Division of Development and Alumni Relations 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.

Appendix 1. Excluded MSc by Research and MRes Courses
Applicants for the following master's by Research courses will not be eligible for the Global Futures 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 Chemistry
- 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

- MA Architecture and Digital Design