

# The University of Manchester

# Information for prospective students from Bangladesh

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## The University of Manchester

- An international reputation for pioneering research teaching and innovation
- A £650 million investment programme facilitating the building of new flagship buildings, high-tech labs and lecture theatres
- One of the UK's most popular universities with over 35,000 students including over 7,500 from outside the EU and a growing number from Bangladesh
- A long tradition of welcoming students from Bangladesh and in building partnerships with Bangladeshi educational agencies/institutions



### Entry requirements

#### **Undergraduate courses (BSc, BA, BEng, MEng)**

For entry on to an undergraduate degree programme, we accept the following qualifications:

- HSC plus successful completion of a recognised foundation course (further information below)
- 3 GCE A' levels or International Baccalaureate with good grades (typically ABB—AAA)
- One or more years study at a Bangladeshi university may be considered for a transfer on to year one or two of an undergraduate degree

#### **Foundation courses**

The education system in the UK differs from that of Bangladesh in that students attend school for 13 years in the UK whilst in Bangladesh students complete their secondary education after 2 years. In order to bridge the gap between the Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC) and UK undergraduate degrees, students from Bangladesh are normally required to complete a foundation course or A' levels.

There are a number of options that guarantee progression on to a University of Manchester undergraduate course provided the necessary grades are achieved. For information on the University's on-campus Engineering and Science Foundation, please visit our web site at: www.manchester.ac.uk/undergraduate/courses/foundationyear

For information on foundation year courses provided by INTO Manchester (a partnership between the University and INTO, providing pathways leading to Humanities, Law, Business, Management, Accounting and Economics, Engineering, Physical Sciences, Mathematics and Computing), please contact INTO Manchester directly: email: intomanchester@into.uk.com; website: http://intohigher.com/universities/unitedkingdom/university-of-manchester.aspx

#### Postgraduate taught courses (MSc, MA, MBA, MRes)

Applicants for a Masters degree will generally require completion of a 4-year Bachelors Degree from a recognised and good-quality Bangladeshi university with a minimum grade of 3.2/4.0

For some courses, entry requirements will be higher and specific subjects will need to have been studied at undergraduate level in order to be considered for a taught Masters (e.g. engineering courses and finance).

# Postgraduate research courses (MSc by Research, MPhil, PhD)

A 4-year undergraduate degree and a Masters degree from a good university are needed to be considered for either an MPhil or a PhD programme.

Postgraduate research degrees are individually supervised, and we strongly recommend that prospective applicants make initial enquiries with the potential supervisor or academic school before submitting a formal application. A research proposal is required along with your formal application.

#### **English language requirements**

Demonstrating your English language ability to the required level is essential to be accepted on to all courses at Manchester. Requirements vary by course and school but are usually the equivalent of IELTS 6.0—7.5 (IELTS 5.5 for Foundation level entry).

#### Making an application

- For INTO Manchester Foundation, direct to INTO Manchester, http://intohigher.com/universities/unitedkingdom/ university-of-manchester.aspx
- For undergraduate courses, and the University of Manchester Engineering and Science programme with an integrated foundation, via the Universities Central Admissions Service, www.ucas.ac.uk
- For postgraduate taught and research courses, apply online: www.manchester.ac.uk/postgraduate/howtoapply
- Some courses may require an application fee or a deposit. This
  will be made clear to you by your prospective school

#### **Tuition fees and living costs**

- Standard tuition fees are set within subject bands as follows for 2011/12 entry: Arts: from £11,700; science and engineering from £14,700; clinical from £26,800
- These are indicative bandings and particularly at postgraduate level courses fees maybe higher. For example: MBA £31,260, MSc Finance £18,400, MSc Marketing £15,900, MSc Communication Engineering £16,400
- The exact tuition fee for your chosen course will be confirmed by your prospective School
- See also the fact file for your chosen course at www.manchester.ac.uk
- For your annual living costs, we estimate that you budget £7,700 if you are an undergraduate (on campus for 40 weeks) and £9,870 if you are a postgraduate (on campus for 52 weeks)

#### **Funding and scholarships**

- Scholarships and funding opportunities from The University of Manchester are very limited at both undergraduate and postgraduate taught level. Some Schools do offer partial bursaries or scholarships and these are awarded competitively on the basis of academic excellence.
- At PhD level, some partial funding may be available from individual research groups or Schools. Please check with your prospective School for details.
- Useful links on funding: www.manchester.ac.uk/postgraduate/funding/search www.britishcouncil.org/bangladesh-education-study-in-uk.htm

#### **Services for international students**

- Guaranteed accommodation to new international students (travelling alone) for each year of their course, www.manchester.ac/accommodation
- Welcome and Orientation services including free airport collection www.manchester.ac.uk/international/services
- An outstanding Careers Service with one of the best track records in linking students to potential employers, www.manchester.ac.uk/careers
- A 'one-stop-shop' approach to student services, including a dedicated advice and guidance team for international students, www.manchester.ac.uk/ssc

#### **Useful links**

- UKCISA (Council for International Students) www.ukcisa.org.uk
- Home Office guidance on working in the UK www.workingintheuk.gov.uk
- For information on applying for a UK study visa, www.manchester.ac.uk/international/apply/pbs

#### **Research Excellence**

Manchester's outstanding performance in the Research Assessment Exercise (RAE) 2008 means that now, more than ever, the University can rightfully claim its place as one of the UK's leading research universities.

The RAE is the UK government's formal method of assessing the quality of research in universities. It is based on a large and complex amount of data, and is presented in a different way to previous RAEs.

There are a number of different ways of analysing the results, and in any of these The University of Manchester ranks among the country's top performing universities.

One example is the ranking which looks at the volume of research activity judged to be in the two highest possible quality levels, called 'World-Leading' (4\*) and 'Internationally Excellent' (3\*). This places Manchester in third position, behind only Oxford and Cambridge: www.rae.ac.uk

Ranking	Institution
1	Oxford
2	Cambridge
3	The University of Manchester
4	University College London
5	University of Edinburgh
6	University of Nottingham
For more information on the RAE, see www.rae.ac.uk	

#### **International Standing**

The University of Manchester is a world-class teaching and research institution. This is confirmed by our ranking in the influential Academic Ranking of World Universities Survey conducted by Shanghai Jiao-Tong University. For 2010, this survey placed The University 44th in the world, 9th in Europe, and 5th in the UK.

#### **Nobel Prize Winners**

The University of Manchester counts 25 Nobel Prize winners amongst former students and staff. This achievement further illustrates the world-leading research being conducted here at The University of Manchester. There are 4 Nobel Laureates currently working at the University, including Professors Andre Geim and Konstantin Novoselov, joint winners of the 2010 Nobel Prize for Physics.

#### **Employability**

You can be confident that a degree from The University of Manchester is recognised by employers worldwide. Confirming the University's reputation for producing outstanding graduates, the Times Higher Educational Supplement (THES) World Rankings published in October 2008 found that the world's leading employers ranked Manchester joint first in the UK.

#### **Further information**

The University welcomes direct applications from Bangladeshi students, but for those wanting advice and guidance in Bangladesh, the University has an official representative, IECC (International Education Counselling Centre Ltd) with offices in Banani and Dhanmoundi. You can visit their web site here: www.iecc.co.uk and contact details are:

IECC Banani Office, Dhaka, Bangladesh House # 6, Road # 17/A Block - E, Banani, Dhaka-1213 tel +88 (02) 9860 526

IECC Dhanmondi Office, Dhaka, Bangladesh House # 55/A, Road # 4/A Shat Moshzid Road, Dhaka-1209 tel +88 (02) 9612577 Further information on study opportunities is also available directly from the International Office of the University. Please contact international@manchester.ac.uk