# Information for applicants from Mexico

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# The University of Manchester

- An international reputation for pioneering research, teaching and innovation
- One of the UK's most popular universities
- A broad choice of postgraduate options within 22 academic schools
- A long tradition of welcoming international students: The University of Manchester has over 35, 500 students including c.7, 768 students from over 160 countries.
- The University currently has 117 students from Mexico



# Entry requirements

# UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES (eg BA, BSc, BEng, MEng)

- Students who have graduated from the Mexican high school system are normally required to successfully complete a foundation course prior to starting an undergraduate degree programme. See www.manchester.ac.uk/undergraduate/courses/foundationyear for more information.
- Students who have completed a full International Baccalaureate Diploma (IB)
  can apply for direct entry to an undergraduate degree. Academic Schools
  may stipulate specific grades and subjects at Higher Level, as well as a
  minimum number of overall points, as part of their IB entry requirements.
- Students who have completed a US High School Diploma in combination with Advanced Placement subjects and/or a combination of SAT I and II exams may also be considered for direct entry to undergraduate programmes.
- All students are required to demonstrate proficiency in English language, on the basis of a recognised English language qualification such as TOEFL or IELTS.

## MASTERS DEGREES (Taught programmes: MSc, MA, MBA, MRes)

Applications for postgraduate courses are welcomed from students with an average above 8 from a Mexican university, plus a TOEFL or IELTS examination. Standard entry tests (eg G.R.E) are not required.

#### Manchester Business School: See www.mbs.ac.uk

Manchester Business School offers a prestigious MBA programme and a variety of specialist Masters programmes.

The MBA, which is an 18 month programme, requires: a minimum of 3 years' work experience; a GMAT test with a score of at least 600, and a strong academic track record.

# **Medicine and Dentistry**

Enquiries about programmes in Medicine & Dentistry can be directed to mhs-pgadmissions@manchester.ac.uk

Some useful information for international candidates who may be interested in clinical programmes not offered by The University is given at www.pgmd.man.ac.uk

# **RESEARCH DEGREES**

# (MSc by Research, MPhil, PhD, New Route PhD)

Students are advised to make direct contact with staff in Schools for information about research opportunities in their field of interest.

An outline research proposal forms an important part of the PhD application. Individual departments can help to advise students on this part of the application. In some departments a list of available projects is provided.

Doctoral students who have not previously studied for a master's degree will normally be registered for an MPhil in the first year of study: This route is known as the 'MPhil leading to a PhD'.

**EPS-Conacyt PhD Programme** - The Faculty of Engineering and Physical Sciences (EPS)\* at The University of Manchester has a special agreement with Conacyt for PhD students. Normal entry requirements are a score of at least 80% in your masters degree and an English language TOEFL score of at least 570 or equivalent. For more information about the special application process please email: eps-mexican@manchester.ac.uk

The Faculty of EPS includes the Schools of Chemical Engineering and Analytical Science; Chemistry; Computer Science; Earth, Atmospheric and Environmental Sciences; Electrical and Electronic Engineering; Materials; Mathematics; Mechanical, Aerospace and Civil Engineering and Physics and Astronomy.

#### Making an application

- Apply online: www.manchester.ac.uk/postgraduate/howtoapply
- Manchester Business School (MBS) applications. Application forms are available at www.mbs.ac.uk. A non-refundable application fee of £50 is required for some courses including: MSc Finance; MSc Accounting and Finance; MSc Finance and Economics; MSc Marketing and MSc International Business and Management.
- There are a number of set deadlines for the MBA programme.
   See www.mbs.ac.uk for details.

Other programmes within the University consider applications on a rolling basis.

Some other programmes may require an application fee or a deposit. This will be made clear to the candidate by the prospective School.

Applicants in their final year of an undergraduate degree are welcome to submit their applications before their final degree certificates are available.





#### **Tuition Fees**

Standard tuition fees are set within subject bands. For example, for 2010/11 entry these were

#### 2010/2011 entry:

Arts: £11, 700 • Science: £14,700 • Clinical courses: £26,800

The exact tuition fee for your chosen course will be confirmed by your prospective School. Further information about fees can be found at: www.manchester.ac.uk/international/apply/fees

Payment options: Tuition fees can be paid in advance, in one payment at registration or in up to 3 instalments by direct debit from a UK bank account.

# **Funding**

Taught courses: There are currently no central University scholarships for taught master's courses. Some Schools may offer partial bursaries or scholarships.

Postgraduate research courses: A number of competitive bursaries are available in Schools or specific research groups for well-qualified candidates. Please check with your prospective School for details and note the following website:

www.manchester.ac.uk/postgraduate/funding/search

# Mexican-based sources of funding

The University of Manchester has a relationship with CONACyT, Ford Foundation and FUNED.

Please visit www.britishcouncil.org.mx for a full listing of possible scholarships for the UK.

# **Services for International Students**

The University of Manchester guarantees accommodation to new international students. For full details see www.manchester.ac.uk/accommodation

The University of Manchester operates various Welcome and Orientation Services for international students, including collection from Manchester Airport

See www.manchester.ac.uk/international/services

The University of Manchester has an outstanding Careers Service, which can help students look for work and prepare for their future careers

See www.manchester.ac.uk/careers

The University offers a 'one stop shop' approach to student services, including a dedicated team for international students. See www.manchester.ac.uk/ssc

#### **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

Institution
Oxford
Cambridge
The University of Manchester
University College London
University of Edinburgh
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 Laureates**

The University of Manchester counts 25 Nobel Prize winners amongst former students and staff. There are currently 4 Nobel laureates working at The University, including Professors Andre Geim and Konstantin Novoselov, joint winners of the 2010 Nobel Prize for Physics. Their achievements illustrate the calibre of the research environment at The University of Manchester.

# **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.

Key contacts at Manchester for Mexican students:

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