

# Information for applicants from Nigeria

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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 nearly 400 from Nigeria
- One of the top Student Unions with hundreds of student societies including the African Society



## Entry requirements

### Foundation courses

The Education System in the UK differs from that of Nigeria as UK students attend school for 13 years whereas Nigerian students complete their secondary education in 12 years. In order to bridge the gap between the SSCE or WAEC and UK University entrance students from Nigeria are required to complete a foundation course or A' levels before entering on to the first year of a 3-year Bachelors degree.

There are a number of options that you can consider that guarantee progression on to a University of Manchester undergraduate degree programme 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](http://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](mailto:intomanchester@into.uk.com); website: <http://intohigher.com/universities/united-kingdom/university-of-manchester.aspx>

### Undergraduate (BA, BSc, MEng)

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

- SSSCE or WASSCE plus successful completion of a recognised foundation course (see above)
- Three GCE A Levels or International Baccalaureate with good grades (typically ABB—AAA)
- ND (Upper Credit) or HND (Upper Credit)
- One or more years of study at a Nigerian University may be considered for a transfer onto year one or two of an undergraduate degree

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

Applicants for a Masters degree will generally require a Bachelors Degree from a recognised institution with a minimum class of 2:1 and a minimum GPA of 3.5/5.0.

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 (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).

In some cases a good English grade at SSCE level may be accepted but this varies according to the course for which you apply.

### Making an application

- For INTO Manchester Foundation, direct to INTO Manchester, <http://intohigher.com/universities/united-kingdom/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](http://www.ucas.ac.uk)
- For postgraduate taught and research courses, apply online: [www.manchester.ac.uk/postgraduate/howtoapply](http://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 may be 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](http://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](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/postgraduate/funding/search)  
[www.britishcouncil.org/africa-ng-contact-us.htm](http://www.britishcouncil.org/africa-ng-contact-us.htm)

## Services for international students

- Guaranteed accommodation to new international students (travelling alone) for each year of their course, [www.manchester.ac.uk/accommodation](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/accommodation)
- Welcome and Orientation services including free airport collection [www.manchester.ac.uk/international/services](http://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](http://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](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/ssc)

## Useful links

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

## Visa applications

All Nigerian nationals who wish to study in the UK will need to apply for a study visa before they are eligible to enter the UK and begin their course of study.

The British High Commission, Nigeria website has a full list of the immigration requirements to be met by Nigerian nationals who wish to study in the UK: <http://ukinnigeria.fco.gov.uk/en/visiting-uk/visas>

Obtaining a visa is perceived to be a difficult process in Nigeria and as such we recommend that students contact our representative, PFL (Preparation For Life) for visa counselling and application assistance. You will be charged an administrative fee for this service and it is of course optional.

## The University of Manchester's Representatives in Nigeria

Preparation for Life is the only organisation representing the University of Manchester in Nigeria. The contact details of their offices are as follows:

**Abuja** tel 0805 0414799, 0803 2381916, 09-7816884  
**Ibadan** tel 02-7516726, 0704 2924013  
**Ikeja** tel 01-7940133, 01- 453787  
**Port-Harcourt** tel 084-896990, 0703 720 9748, 0807 389 4829  
**Surulere** tel 0709 8767009, 0704 2291537  
**Victoria Island** tel 01-4616112, 01-2706906

## 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](http://www.rae.ac.uk)

Ranking	Institution
1	Oxford
2	Cambridge
<b>3</b>	<b>The University of Manchester</b>
4	University College London
5	University of Edinburgh
6	University of Nottingham

*For more information on the RAE, see [www.rae.ac.uk](http://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.