**The University of Manchester Alumni Community**

*At Manchester we are proud to have the largest global alumni community of any campus-based*

*university in the UK, with many of the 380,000 graduates we are in contact with holding top positions in every imaginable field.*

The University of Manchester’s Division ofDevelopment and Alumni Relations is here to help alumni maintain a lifelong connectionwith us and with each other, sharing experiences and expertise and enjoying alumni-exclusiveoffers, events, networking and volunteering opportunities.

Many of our alumni help to influence and inspire the next generation of Manchester graduates by volunteering their time and expertise. Our alumni volunteers mentor and network with students, take part in careers Q&As, provide internships and placements, and act as hosts for our Global Graduates programme – all to give you the high-quality experience and transferable skills that are vital in ensuring a return on investment into a degree.

You can access alumni advice immediately on our online professional networking service, the Manchester Network.

The Manchester Network features Ask Me About, which students and alumni can use to connect with 2,500 alumni who want to:

* offer careers advice;
* review CVs and applications;
* offer work experience, internships and jobs.

Get started by registering for the Manchester Network at network.manchester.ac.uk, going to the *mentoring* tab and searching by interests and profession.

Some alumni also support the University financially, enabling researchers and graduates to contribute towards a more progressive, responsible world, and help us offer Access Scholarships to high-achieving undergraduate students who come to us from backgrounds that under-represented in higher education.

Many of our graduates hold positions of seniority in business, academia, politics, industry and the media, including:

*Lord Terence Burns*

*Chairman, Santander UK*

*Professor Brian Cox OBE*

*Physicist and Science Communicator*

*Jesse Armstrong and Sam Bain*

*Writers of television comedies – Peep Show and Fresh Meat*

*Benedict Cumberbatch CBE*

*Actor*

*Gareth Williams and Bonamy Grimes MBE*

*Skyscanner co-founders*

*Chuka Umunna MP*

*Former Shadow Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skill*

*Professor Dame Sally Davies*

*UK Government’s Chief Medical Officer for England*

*Sophie Raworth*

*Presenter BBC News*

*Teo Chee Hean*

*Deputy Prime Minister of Singapore*

*Parineeti Chopra*

*Actor*

*Toby Jones*

*Actor*

*Orlando von Einsiedel*

*Oscar-winning film director*

*Professor Danielle George MBE*

*Radio frequency engineer and Presenter of the 2014 Royal Institution Christmas Lectures*

*Tom Bloxham MBE*

*Founder of Urban Splash and former Chancellor of the University*

*Frances O’Grady*

*First female General Secretary of the TUC*