Manchester is a vibrant, progressive city with a rich cultural heritage, and the University is proud to be part of the UK’s most popular student city. Manchester enjoys a thriving cultural scene, with annual festivals celebrating everything from its international presence to contemporary literature and the arts.

Students at The University of Manchester are a diverse and fascinating group, drawn from all corners of the globe and united in their ambition to create a great future for themselves via a world-renowned educational experience.

Research and innovation is the foundation of all our postgraduate courses, and at Manchester you will find high-quality training and educational support, designed to help you achieve your goals.

We offer pioneering courses that draw upon our world-leading research and strong links to global industry. You’ll quickly develop the skills, knowledge and experience that will stand you in good stead for future employment.

We look forward to meeting you.

A selection of our Research Centres and Institutes

Methods@Manchester
Humanities Researcher Development
Centre for Doctoral Training – Biosocial Research
Centre for Doctoral Training – Data Analytics and Society
Morgan Centre for Research into Everyday Lives
Manchester Institute for Collaborative Research on Ageing (MICRA)
Cathie Marsh Institute for Social Research (CMi)
The British Election Study (BES)
The Centre for Growth and Business Cycle Research
Sustainable Consumption Institute (SCI)
The Mitchell Centre

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Why Manchester?

Our University
Making things happen

Proud and ambitious, down to earth and friendly, we offer you a world class learning experience that’s rooted in a rich education heritage at The University of Manchester. We focus on making things happen, turning enthusiasm into achievement and ground-breaking theory into cutting edge practice.

Research and innovation feeds into our courses, where you’ll find countless opportunities for extracurricular activities and skills development. All this and more at the heart of Britain’s most popular student city.

Learn more about us www.manchester.ac.uk/aboutus

Our city
Original and modern

Manchester is known as the ‘original modern’ city, thanks to both its industrial revolution heritage and an enduring progressive, can-do attitude, resulting in ideas that challenge convention, actions that change society, and attractions that capture the imagination.

We’re proud to be part of the UK’s most popular student city, which shakes up the music scene, nurtures cultural creativity, tantalises taste buds, showcases international sporting achievements, encourages entrepreneurship, attracts big business, and entertains a sociable, multicultural community with warmth, and a lot of fun.

Discover Manchester from a student’s perspective: www.manchester.ac.uk/cityofmanchester

Your experience
More than a degree

Our student experience is geared towards giving you practical skills, personal development opportunities and a professional network of colleagues and friends that will set you up for success throughout your life.

Hear from some of our students: www.manchester.ac.uk/student-spotlights
Watch our video and find out more about the School:
www.socialsciences.manchester.ac.uk/about
#SOSSstories

The School at a glance...

More than 500 postgraduate students

40% of our postgraduate students are international

More than £1.5m awarded for postgraduate studentships and bursaries in 2016

Circa £6.7m awarded in research grants during 2015/16

More than Circa
CREATE YOUR FUTURE

You’ll find plenty of help to manage and develop your career via a huge range of specialist postgraduate careers support, from face-to-face consultations to exclusive online resources from our award-winning Careers Service, on everything from academic careers to industry opportunities.

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Gain advice and insight being mentored by someone working in your ideal job or field:
www.manchester.ac.uk/careers/experience/mentoring

PhD students can attend our annual Pathways careers event with advice and opportunities tailored to your needs, and take a dedicated Researcher Development Programme at Faculty level.

www.manchester.ac.uk/careers/postgraduates/pathways

DO MORE BE MORE

STE•LL•IFY (VERB)
To change, or be changed, into a star

TAKE CONTROL OF YOUR CAREER

The reputation and standard of our graduates attracts more than 600 recruiters to our campus each year, and we’re regularly one of the most targeted universities by graduate employers*. And for good reason...

At Manchester, you’ll have the chance to experience true personal and professional change and growth. We call it Stellify.

Stellify enables you to capitalise on some of Manchester’s most transformational opportunities and extracurricular activities, to set you on your unique path to success.

*The Graduate Market in 2017 – High Fliers Research
Manchester is a leading centre for economics research and research-led teaching. Graduate students from across the globe come to study economics at Manchester, attracted by its first-class postgraduate training and supervision in the core and specialist areas of economics.

Many famous names from the world of economics have worked here at Manchester, including three Nobel Prize winners. Interdisciplinary research is actively pursued here, with many courses involving a number of different schools at the University. You will also be automatically involved in our specialist research areas through the dissertation component of the MA and MSc, or through your research for a PhD.

Our economics doctoral programme is a three or four year “2+2” model. The first year is a Manchester MSc or equivalent, followed by a further year of taught course units. The course is completed with two years of full-time research.

A list of our taught master’s and research areas/programmes are below:

### Master’s courses
- **MA Economics**
- **MSc Economics** – including three specialisms in Econometrics, Environment and Health.
- **MSc Financial Economics**

### Research areas
- Development Economics and Policy
- Econometrics and Applied Economics
- Environmental and Resource Economics
- Macroeconomics, Growth and Development
- Macroeconomics and Mathematical Economics

### Research programmes
- PhD/MPhil

Fee and entry requirements vary by course, for more information visit: www.socsci.manchester.ac.uk/study

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- **MSc Economics**
- **MSc Financial Economics**

### Compulsory units x 5

### Plus 3 optional course units
Philosophy at Manchester offers an intellectually stimulating and supportive postgraduate environment. You’ll be able to study with one of our 15 active members of research staff who offer research-led MA teaching and expert PhD research supervision.

Papers, monographs and edited collections by academic staff are regularly published in international journals and by prominent academic publishers. We also host a wide variety of seminars and conferences where you can hear cutting-edge philosophical arguments from leaders in the field, ranging from small workshops to large international conferences.

We offer an MA in Philosophy, which includes taught courses in a wide range of analytic philosophy, and a research programme covering all fields of the subject. We provide a dedicated postgraduate study space and outstanding library resources. We also run a weekly research seminar with papers presented by visiting speakers, staff, and PhD students, which fosters a collegial and friendly research environment among students and staff.

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**Taught courses**
- MA Philosophy

**Research programmes**
- PhD in Philosophy

**Research areas**
- Aesthetics
- Ethics
- History of Philosophy
- Metaphysics
- Philosophy of Language
- Philosophy of Mind
- Social and Political Philosophy

**Fee and entry requirements**
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**Course MA Philosophy**

**Compulsory units**
- Research Skills

Choose one:
- 90 credit dissertation
- 60 credit dissertation

**Examples of optional course units**:

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Our postgraduates reflect a growing and diverse global community, offering unrivalled opportunities to debate aspects of your research with a substantial peer group and to begin creating international networks that will stand you in good stead throughout your career.

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**Master’s courses**
- **MA Politics**
- **MA Human Rights** (standard and research routes with pathways in Democracy and Elections, Political Theory, European Politics, Security and Power, and/or specialise in research methods. Our research pathway of Political Theory).
- **Comparative politics analysis**
- **Philosophy of Politics**
- **Analytical Political Theory**
- **Comparative Public Policy (including European Politics, Gender Public Policy, and/or specialise in research methods. Our research pathway of Political Theory)**.
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**Research Programmes**
- **PhD Politics**
- **PhD Applied Social Research**

**Research areas**
- **Analytical Political Theory**
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**Examples of optional course units.**


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**MA Politics**

**Course**
- **Compulsory units**: Comparative Political Analysis, Dissertation Research Design
- **Plus 6 optional course units**
- **Examples of optional course units.**
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**MA Human Rights**

**Course**
- **Compulsory units**: Human Rights Law (30 credits) Dissertation Research Design
- **Plus 15 credits (3 course units) of Qualitative Methods**
- **Examples of optional course units.**
- **Philosophy of Politics**
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**MA International Relations**

**Research Route**

- Graduate Seminar in International Politics
- Research Design Seminar
- Critical Approaches to International Politics

**Optional Course Units**

- Plus 2 optional course units

**Examples of optional course units:**

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**Course**

- Contemporary units
- Research units

**Research Route**

- Philosophy of Politics Research
- Graduate Seminar in International Politics
- Introduction to Quantitative Methods
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**Qualitative Methods**

- Practising Participant Observation
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MA Political Science – Philosophy and Political Theory

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Dissertation Research Design
Deliberative Justice

Philosophy of Politics Research
Introduction to Quantitative Methods

Understanding Governance

Plus 4 optional course units

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MA Political Science – Governance and Public Policy

Course

MA Political Science – Governance and Public Policy

Comparative Political Analysis
Understanding Governance

Philosophy of Politics Research
Introduction to Quantitative Methods

Understanding Governance

Plus 4 or 2 optional course units

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MA Peace and Conflict Studies

Course

MA Peace and Conflict Studies

Comparative Political Economy
Political Parties in Contemporary Britain

Philosophy of Politics Research
Introduction to Quantitative Methods

Understanding Political Change

Plus 15 credits (3 course units) of Qualitative Methods

Examples of optional course units: Further detailed course unit information can be found on www.manchester.ac.uk/study/masters/courses


Plus 15 credits or 3 course units of Qualitative Methods (only if relevant to the course)

Foundational and Advanced Perspectives on Qualitative Research, Archival Research, Biography and Life History in the Social Sciences, Interviewing Activists, Doing Interviews, Internet Research, Understanding Big Data, Practising Participant Observation, Narrative Analysis, Creative Methods.
Social Anthropology at Manchester has been ranked first in the UK for both research capacity and impact in the recent national Research Excellence Framework (REF) exercise. Social Anthropology at Manchester provides you with a comprehensive grounding in classical, as well as contemporary debates in social anthropology. The course will also introduce you to the distinctive research methods and ethical positions associated with the discipline.

Staff in Social Anthropology at Manchester have a reputation for addressing cutting-edge and unusual research topics, while respecting classical and long-standing interests of the discipline. You can choose from a broad range of modules offered throughout the Faculty of humanities, and apply the anthropological theories and methods learnt on the core modules to many substantive themes and topics. You will also devise and conduct your own research which will form your dissertation. The level of personal support offered ensures that you will attain the highest standards. You will also have the opportunity to participate in anthropological research seminars, reading groups and conferences.

Social Anthropology at Manchester is one of the largest in Britain and has an outstanding reputation for teaching and research.

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### Taught Courses
- MA/PG Diploma Social Anthropology
- MA Anthropological Research
- MA Visual Anthropology

### Research programmes
- PhD Social Anthropology
- PhD Social Anthropology with Visual Media

### Fee and entry requirements
Fees and entry requirements vary by course, for more information visit: www.sociailsciences.manchester.ac.uk/study
Social Statistics

Social Statistics is the newest discipline area within the School of Social Sciences, and one of very few such groupings in the UK. We focus on high-quality research and effective collaboration with other disciplines within the University, to bring a range of quantitative studies in social sciences.

The Cathie Marsh Institute for Social Research (CMI) is a multidisciplinary research centre in The University of Manchester’s School of Social Sciences, to which you will have full access.

The social statistics discipline area is one of three statistics groupings in the University and we have close links to our colleagues in the Schools of Mathematics and Medicine. A list of our taught master’s and research areas/programmes are below:

**Taught courses**
- MSc/PG Diploma in Social Research Methods and Statistics
- MSc in Data Science

**Research programmes**
- PhD in Social Statistics
- PhD Applied Social Research

**Research areas**
- ageing populations
- cancer and Survey Research
- confidentiality and privacy
- health inequalities
- longitudinal Data Analysis
- multilevel Modelling
- race and ethnicity
- social Network Analysis
- survey Methodology
- work and employment

**Fee and entry requirements**
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### MSc Social Research Methods and Statistics / PG Diploma

**Course**
- MSc Social Research Methods and Statistics / PG Diploma

**Compulsory units**
- Dissertation*
- Survey Research Methods
- Introduction to Statistical Modelling
- Statistical Foundations
- Methodology and Research Design
- Multilevel Modelling
- Foundations & Advanced Perspectives on Qualitative Research

**Examples of optional course units:**
Further detailed course unit information can be found on www.manchester.ac.uk/study/masters/courses

- Longitudinal Data Analysis
- Complex Survey Designs and Analysis
- Structural Equation and Latent Variable Modelling
- Social Network Analysis
- Population and Health Analysis
- Projection (Liverpool University)

- Plu. 1 x 5 credit qualitative unit from:
  - Archival Research
  - Biography and Life-History in the Social Sciences
  - Interviewing Activists
  - Doing Interviews
  - Internet Research
  - Understanding Big Data
  - Practicing Participant Observation
  - Narrative Analysis
  - Creative methods

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### MSc Data Science

**Course**
- MSc Data Science

**Compulsory units**
- Machine Learning and Statistics (both semesters)
- Understanding Databases
- Professional Skills and Practice: Applications in Data Science

In semester 2, specialise in one of five pathways and then write a final dissertation. Pathways are: Applied Urban Analytics, Computer Science Data Informatics, Management and Business, Mathematics, Social Analytics.
Sociology at Manchester is one of the UK’s largest and most prestigious centres for the subject, with over 30 academic staff and 60 postgraduate students forming a diverse and rigorous academic community.

Our research and teaching includes all areas of contemporary sociology, but we have particular expertise in the fields of socio-cultural change, gender and sexuality, and consumption and sustainability. Sociology is the perfect course to develop your analytical and investigative skills, training you in methods of social investigation in order to equip you with the ability for independent thinking, research and analysis. We are consistently highly ranked for research, coming first in the UK for the percentage of our research outputs that are judged as ‘world-leading’, according to the Government’s 2014 Research Excellence Framework. Our research feeds into all of our postgraduate teaching and supervision.

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**Taught Courses**
- MSc Sociological Research
- MA/PG Diploma Sociology
**Research programmes**
- PhD Sociology
- PhD Applied Social Research

**Fee and entry requirements**
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**MSc Sociological Research**
- **Compulsory units**

**Examples of optional course units.**
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**MA Sociology / PG Diploma**
- **Compulsory units**

**Examples of optional course units.**
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For more information on qualifications, entry requirements, and fees, visit: www.manchester.ac.uk/study

- Foundational and Advanced Perspectives on Qualitative Research (one semester or both semesters)
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Directed by Dr Lisa Williams, Methods@Manchester is a Faculty of Humanities initiative highlighting Manchester’s strength in research methods in the social sciences.

During your postgraduate journey we aim to help you develop as a researcher through the training courses, workshops, seminar series and our annual Methods Fair and Summer School we provide, as well as the resources available via our website. Our programme of events is delivered by methodological experts from Manchester, the UK and the rest of the world. Recent courses and workshops have included NVivo training, Thinking Qualitatively and Writing clearly about Research. Our regular lunchtime seminar series is delivered under the themes of ‘What is…?’ and ‘How to…?’ Experts from Manchester discuss a specific methodological approach applied to their area of interest and these seminars are filmed and the videos are made available via our website for future reference. In November, our Methods Fair showcases the methodological expertise of Manchester and beyond in relation to a specific theme. Half-hour workshops are delivered by postgraduate and academic researchers whilst our Summer School runs for two weeks in late June. The in-depth courses provide specialist training including how to analyse data using R, social network analysis and creative qualitative methods. We offer fee bursaries to help towards the costs of these courses and details about our past and future events can be found on our website. The events we provide are extremely popular and we recommend you book a place in advance. They are a great way to meet other postgraduate students and researchers from Manchester and beyond, who can support you during your PhD journey. Visit Methods@Manchester or follow us on Twitter @MethodsMcr to keep up to date with our activities. Watch past events on our YouTube channel.

Methods@Manchester is a Faculty-funded initiative, highlighting Manchester’s strength in research methods in the social sciences.

Aims:
• to highlight Manchester’s strength in research methods in the social sciences;
• to promote interdisciplinary and innovative methodological developments;
• to foster further developments, including training, through external funding.

We achieve these aims by:
• creating web pages that showcase the expertise in research methods within the Faculty;
• promoting and facilitating methods-related events across the University;
• holding events promoting methods such as the Methods Fair and the Summer School.
Your PhD journey is about more than writing your thesis! It is the starting point for a professional research career and an opportunity to develop your subject knowledge, research skills, methodological expertise and transferrable skills.

The Faculty of Humanities has a dedicated Researcher Development Team who will support your professional development throughout your PhD journey and beyond. We offer a programme of practical workshops intended to enhance postgraduate researchers’ (PGRs) personal and professional development and prepare PGRs for life after the PhD.

The Faculty of Humanities aims to develop the intellectual leaders of the future. Our programme is based on enabling you to become more aware of your developing researcher identity. Honing your personal and professional skills is an important part of being a postgraduate researcher.

Your professional development should be tailored to you and so it is up to you to determine your development needs in consultation with your supervisor. Reflecting upon the decisions you make along the way will help you find the most appropriate skills you need to prepare you to successfully make progress in your research and your career. The Researcher Development programme is designed to help you develop the skills needed to undertake research, to write and present your work. These are the basic requirements of an academic career but they are also valuable contributions to the knowledge economy. The Researcher Development team will support you in exploring your options as a professional researcher and intellectual leader.

Attending training and engaging in professional development is also a great way to meet researchers from different schools and disciplines and integrate into the research community.

Visit the Faculty of Humanities training hub ProGRess@humanities for details of all the training and professional development opportunities available.
Biosocial research is an exciting new area of study. Our new Soc-B Centre for Doctoral Training (CDT) in Biosocial Science is jointly funded by the Economic and Social Research Council and the Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council.

Strong links between our social environments and health exist; however, the biological processes underlying these links are less clear. Recent years have seen increased investments in the collection of biomarker data (e.g. neuroimaging, genomics, metabolomics, cognitive and physical functioning) within a number of well-characterised longitudinal social surveys. Innovative methods are required to handle these high-dimensional datasets and study the causal processes underlying the reciprocal relationships between the social environment and biology.

As a graduate of the innovative Soc-B programme, you will be one of a group of cutting-edge researchers with the theoretical knowledge, analytical capabilities and communication skills to capitalise on these investments and make major advances in biosocial research in the future.

Soc-B studentships are based across social and biological science departments in three centres of excellence in biosocial research: UCL, University of Manchester and University of Essex. Soc-B PhD studentships are four-year (+4) studentships, with the first year spent in project rotations and biosocial training before selecting a PhD research topic for years 2–4.

Please see the CDT website (www.soc-b-cdt.ac.uk) for further details of participating departments and supervisors, as well as the application process.
This new programme is run by the ESRC funded Centre for Doctoral Training in Data Analytics and Society and provides postgraduate research and training across four universities:

- The University of Manchester
- The University of Liverpool
- The University of Leeds
- The University of Sheffield

The Centre is a collaboration with multiple non-academic partners offering the opportunity for students to undertake innovative research in new forms of data. You will be registered at The University of Manchester, but will be part of a much wider community across the North of England.

The Centre focuses on:

- Promoting the creation and analysis of new longitudinal and streamed data resources for socio-economic investigations;
- Creating new methods, such as scaling up existing methods for real-time big data analytics;
- Investigating social processes, e.g. virtualisation of retailing, data-driven decision making and social behaviours;
- Facilitating interventions, e.g. resource targeting, network planning, social media apps for diet, travel and lifestyle planning.

The programme

This is an exciting opportunity to undertake a four-year funded PhD in Data Analytics and Society with an integrated MSc. This programme is ideal for graduates from a wide range of backgrounds with an interest in how data can be used to address social science questions using statistical or predictive techniques.

You will work with a multi-disciplinary team of supervisors, as well as having the opportunity to work with external partners on real world scenarios. The programme will include an integrated MSc in Data Analytics over the first two years which will provide you with the foundation skills to complete your research project. Modules include:

- Methodology, Research Design, Ethics
- Quantitative and Qualitative Approaches
- Domain skills for Data Science
- Internship with external partner

This CDT will encourage significant advances which bring together social science with methods from computing, mathematics and natural sciences.
The Morgan Centre is an internationally-renowned centre of excellence for research in the fields of personal life, relationships, and everyday life. The ways in which we conduct the more routine, day-to-day aspects of our lives are often taken for granted and left unexplored by social researchers. Yet through attending to the ordinary and the mundane — in relation to topics such as intimate relationships, sexuality, ageing, housing and home, the weather, the built environment and the significance of objects in our lives — our research sheds light on new or overlooked aspects of the social world around us. In particular, it highlights the often creative ways in which people lead and make sense of their lives, which in turn reveal a great deal about wider social change and the connections between individuals and society. David remains an important and inspirational member of the Centre.

The Morgan Centre was founded in 2005 and is named after Professor David Morgan in celebration of his major contribution and life-long commitment to the sociology of families and relationships. David remains an important and inspirational member of the Centre. The Centre brings together a dynamic group of researchers who are committed to taking the everyday seriously and in breaking new empirical and theoretical ground in these areas. We are also committed to finding new and innovative methodologies for researching the subtleties and complexities of contemporary everyday lives and socialities, including through developing creative research methods such as observational sketching, ‘material methods’ and ‘sensory methods’.

The Morgan Centre is based in the Department of Sociology in the School of Social Sciences, but the disciplinary backgrounds of our members are diverse, embracing social policy, social work, cultural studies, gender studies, anthropology, human geography, socio-legal studies, biology, and psychology. We also work collaboratively with colleagues from other discipline areas and research centres, to develop interdisciplinary work and joint research projects, and regularly welcome international visitors.

In addition to contributing to undergraduate and postgraduate courses in our areas of expertise, we also run regular training courses on creative qualitative methods targeted at postgraduates and early career researchers, including as part of the annual Methods@Manchester summer school. We warmly welcome students who are interested in conducting PhD research in any of our areas of expertise.

We work with a wide range of stakeholders, from local government, charitable organisations, cultural organisations, third sector organisations, and user networks. We share our research with community groups, families, policy-makers and service providers.

www.socialsciences.manchester.ac.uk/morgan-centre
Manchester Institute for Collaborative Research on Ageing (MICRA)

Aging research is a strategic priority for the University of Manchester.

The ageing of populations is a dramatic demographic and social transformation with implications for every aspect of society, from the experience and organisation of everyday social and political life, to fundamental questions for biology, medicine, technology and philosophy.

The Manchester Institute for Collaborative Research on Ageing (MICRA) is a cross-faculty research institute providing university-wide support for ageing research, education, dissemination and impact. MICRA researchers are leaders in their fields in the UK and internationally. Since its establishment in 2010, MICRA has supported more than 100 successful research grants across Social Ageing, Ageing and Health, and Biological Ageing, with numerous academics, researchers and PhD students engaged in these research agendas. Our research is funded by a wide variety of funders including the European Union, UK Research Councils, government and local authorities, the health sector, charities and NGOs, industry and commercial organisations.

In the Social Sciences and Humanities, our research especially focuses on understanding social, political and economic inequalities across the life course and into old age, and thinking about how societies might address these. MICRA is best known for social science research focusing on urban ageing and ageing in a global context, work and retirement, ageing and everyday life, ageing and health, care services, technology and ageing, and ageing with dementia. We are partners in the English Longitudinal Study of Ageing, our most important dataset for understanding ageing in England, associated with similar projects across the world providing unique insights into the ways we age.

Our aims:
- Seek solutions to the economic, health and social challenges associated with population ageing;
- Advance knowledge about ageing through the pursuit of high quality research;
- Transform public and professional perceptions of ageing;
- Improve the lives of older people, their families and their communities.

Influencing policy, practice and debate

MICRA is situated in the heart of Manchester, the UK’s first city to achieve World Health Organization age-friendly status, and part of the Greater Manchester Ageing Hub, tasked with improving the lives of older people across the region. We engage critically with stakeholders and policy makers at global, national, regional, local and community levels to deliver research with demonstrable policy impact. We embed contributions from older people and stakeholders into all stages of research, ensuring that our work has meaning and direct societal relevance. MICRA is a world-leader in promoting collaborative research approaches, especially in the context of urban ageing.

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www.micra.manchester.ac.uk
CMI was launched in August 2014.

CMI is a centre for excellence in quantitative social science. Our work contributes to advancing quantitative social science in three key ways. Firstly, we are actively engaged in developing new methods and forms of data for conducting quantitative social science research. Second, we apply new and established quantitative methods to answer major substantive social and political research questions. Finally, we offer extensive training and capacity building to help the academic and non-academic community make the best use of quantitative methods and data to conduct their own research.

The Institute environment is a highly inter-disciplinary and vibrant one, bringing together scholars from a range of social science disciplines including sociology, politics, health and criminology. Our core research projects investigate a range of important societal problems, such as the causes and consequences of social and ethnic inequalities, the drivers and barriers to wider civic and political participation and the ethical and practical challenges that new forms of data bring to social research. Our core mission is to offer innovative and rigorous empirical answers to contemporary social and political problems, and to empower others to do the same.

The Institute provides a focal point at The University of Manchester for the application of quantitative methods in interdisciplinary social science research in order to generate a world-class research environment.

We apply structures to life’s challenging social questions, provide high-quality methods training and development and promote excellence in quantitative social sciences.

It combines the strengths of two previous research centres in the Social Sciences at The University of Manchester: the Cathie Marsh Centre for Census and Surveys Research and the Institute for Social Change.

Today we are building on this reputation for quantitative social science and the development and application of advanced quantitative methods. The Cathie Marsh Institute aims to be at the forefront, internationally, of quantitative social science research – encapsulating a wide range of topics and methods.

A distinctive feature of the Institute is the application of advanced and innovative methods, within an interdisciplinary framework, to address social, economic and political questions.
The British Election Study (BES) is one of the longest-running election studies world-wide and the longest-running social science survey in the UK. It is currently run by The University of Manchester, in collaboration with Oxford University and the University of Nottingham. The British Election Study has made a major contribution to the understanding of political attitudes and behaviour over nearly 60 years. Surveys have taken place immediately after every general election since 1964. The first study, conducted by David Butler and Donald Stokes in 1964, transformed the study of electoral behaviour in the UK. Since then the BES has provided data to help researchers understand changing patterns of party support and election outcomes.

The 2014-2018 British Election Study gathers a range of data at different stages throughout the electoral cycle. We run a large online panel study, currently in the thirteenth ‘wave’ of data, interviewing roughly 30,000 respondents each wave. These data allow us to examine inter-election change in political attitudes and party support, tracing the effects of the tumultuous political period from the 2014 European Parliament elections when UKIP topped the poll, to the independence referendum in Scotland, the 2015 UK general election, the 2016 EU referendum and Britain’s vote to leave the EU, and the subsequent snap 2017 UK general election. Our book on the 2015 and 2017 elections aims to chart the effects of ‘shocks’—including the Brexit referendum—on an increasingly volatile electorate and how this combination is destabilising the British political system.

In addition to the online panel study, we undertake a large ‘gold-standard’ face-to-face random probability survey following each election. This survey is essential to gaining a representative sample of the British population, and essential for understanding long term political change. It has also been particularly important in diagnosing recent difficulties in gaining representative samples in opinion polls. Our data are used internationally, within UK academia, and we have a large presence in public understanding of elections through our work with the national and international media. We are now making unprecedented amounts of data available on the BES website, without the need for specialist knowledge or software.
Since the CGBCR was first established in 2000, a substantial body of research continues to be conducted at The University of Manchester in the areas of economic growth and business cycles. More recently, a large part of CGBCR’s research focuses on “Productivity Growth, Fluctuations and Economic Policy”. This research aims to understand why in the last decade industrialised countries are experiencing a marked slowdown in their productivity growth, with the United Kingdom experiencing the strongest slowdown. Is this because of a misallocation of resources? What is the contribution of fiscal and monetary policy before, during and after the crisis to the productivity growth slowdown? How do people’s expectations affect macro policy and productivity growth? These are some of the key questions that currently members of the Centre are researching on.

Our aims
The CGBCR was established with the following aims and objectives:
• To provide a focus for the thriving and wide-ranging research on growth and business cycles at Manchester;
• To foster the cross-fertilisation of ideas and the collaboration on projects among those people involved in this research;
• To provide a forum for the discussion and dissemination of similar research that is being undertaken in the wider academic community; and
• To produce research results that are relevant to economic policy.

Supporters and directors
The CGBCR operates a vibrant research culture which embraces many disciplines in economics and which seeks to contribute to important contemporary debates in the relationship and link between three areas of macro research: productivity and economic growth, macroeconomic fluctuations and stability, and government intervention and policy. The activities of the CGBCR have been kindly supported by research grants from The Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC), the Bank of England and the Leverhulme Trust. The Directors of the Centre are Professor Akos Valentinyi and Dr George Bratsiotis.
Our cutting-edge research lies in five key fields:
- consumption
- cultural change
- innovation
- politics
- social justice

Our work responds to multiple sustainability challenges, from climate change and resource scarcity, to social inequality and environmental injustice. We focus on the processes of consumption and production that underpin such challenges across a variety of areas, including food, energy, housing and transport.

Our history
Our research focus has evolved from consumer behaviour to a range of topics, from production to politics and governance to social justice.

Tackling climate change
We were established in 2008, with the principal aim of enhancing research and insight into one of the world’s most pressing challenges: climate change. Despite 20 years of rhetoric regarding the urgent need to address modern consumption patterns, we were among the first major research institutes to place consumption and its unsustainability at the heart of research enquiry.

We sought to utilise the unique strengths of The University of Manchester to bring interdisciplinary insight and clarity to the topic.

Defining ‘sustainable consumption’
Since launching, we have made a significant contribution to the emergent field of sustainable consumption – shaping its meaning and challenging orthodox thinking.

In our early years, this included significant contribution to the development of:
- climate policy
- environmental economics
- life-cycle analysis
- psychology

Developing fresh sustainability approaches
However, our recent research has focused on interrogating the fundamental processes of societal change in order to identify how long-term and large-scale transitions to sustainable consumption can be achieved.

This shift responded to the need to ask new questions and challenge conventional understanding of societal organisation and change, alongside the growing realisation that increasingly environmentally-aware citizens and sustainability-motivated businesses could not, alone, overcome the threats posed by climate change.

We have played a critical role in developing fresh approaches in sustainability by gaining greater insight into how:
- everyday practices are reproduced;
- our patterns of consumption are formed;
- systems are established, organised, innovated, disrupted and undermined.

Our research contends that these processes, which shape what people do and how innovation occurs, represent the critical sites through which long-term, large-scale sustainability needs to be tackled.
The Mitchell Centre for Social Network Analysis is a cross-disciplinary research group located in the School of Social Sciences.

The centre’s mission is to be a world-leading centre in the development and application of social network analysis techniques. The centre is named after J. Clyde Mitchell, who pioneered this approach whilst a member of staff at Manchester.

Aims
• To establish an international centre of excellence for social network analysis within the UK;
• To establish a central resource and reference point for social network researchers and users both within the UK and internationally;
• To cultivate existing interest and further stimulate interest in social network analysis in the UK and beyond;
• To make important contributions to the social network analysis literature.

Interests
• Data collection and different data types for social network analysis
• Longitudinal networks and network formation
• Descriptive methods and visualisation
• Statistical modelling of social networks
• Mixed methods for social networks
• Social networks and social movements
• Social networks and health
• Social networks and consumption
• Social networks and music
• Social networks and science

Consultancy
In the past, we have worked with the following international organisations:
• Defence Science and Technology Organisation (DSTO), Department of Defence, Australia;
• Redowl Analytics, Baltimore, USA;
• Research Centre for Educational and Network Studies, Corvinus University of Budapest (RECENS);
• OpenKnowledge srl, Milano and London
• British Home Office.
Fees and funding

Master’s level

The School of Social Sciences offers a range of funding opportunities for students continuing their education with a taught postgraduate master’s course:

Postgraduate loan (PGL)

Postgraduate loans (PGL) are available to eligible applicants starting taught and research master’s courses in September. If you’re thinking of coming to Manchester this year to begin your postgraduate study, you could qualify for a PGL of up to £10,280 from the UK government.

This postgraduate student loan is:

• a contribution towards the cost of study to be used towards tuition fees, maintenance costs or other costs;
• non-means tested;
• paid directly into a student’s UK bank account.

Manchester Alumni Scholarship

The Manchester Alumni Scholarship Scheme offers eligible applicants a £3,000 reduction on tuition fees. It is a means of supporting our outstanding graduates who wish to progress to master’s level study having completed their undergraduate degree with us.

Eligibility criteria

The scholarship is available to you as an applicant to a School of Social Sciences master’s course if you:

• are a University of Manchester graduate;
• have received a first-class honours degree;
• are applying within three years of receiving your degree;
• are an international, EU or home student who will study full-time or part-time;
• have accepted an offer of a place on a School of Social Sciences master’s course by the end of June in the year the course starts.

Manchester Master’s Bursary

The University of Manchester offers 100 bursaries for master’s students, each worth £3,000 in funding, to UK and EU students who will be starting taught or research master’s courses.

The bursaries are aimed at widening access to master’s courses by removing barriers to postgraduate education for students from underrepresented groups, so you will need to meet a number of criteria to be eligible for the award. Please note that we expect there to be more eligible applications than places, so meeting the criteria is no guarantee of an award.

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If you would like details regarding entry or more information about our master’s bursaries, please contact:

funding@manchester.ac.uk.

For further information, please contact:

zoe.woodend@manchester.ac.uk.

Tuition fees vary for each postgraduate course. Payment of tuition fees also entitles you to membership of The University of Manchester Library, the Students’ Union and the Athletic Union. For further details on fees and funding, please contact the postgraduate admissions office:

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Postgraduate research

The School of Social Sciences is committed to supporting postgraduate research students. Each year we invest substantially in doctoral funding.

In addition to these internal funds, the University is highly successful in attracting investment and sponsorship for research students which include research councils, industry, trusts and charities.

Please see our funding pages for more information: www.socialsciences.manchester.ac.uk/study/postgraduate-research/opportunities

Postgraduate doctoral loans

Postgraduate doctoral loans are available to eligible applicants starting research programmes. If you are thinking of coming to Manchester to begin your postgraduate study, you could qualify for a loan of up to £25,000 from the UK government.

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How to apply

Submitting an application to study at The University of Manchester couldn’t be simpler…

Please go to the links below to apply online for our taught and research postgraduate degrees:

- www.manchester.ac.uk/study/masters/admissions/apply
- www.manchester.ac.uk/study/postgraduate-research/admissions/how-to-apply

If you are already a student within the Faculty of Humanities at The University of Manchester, you may also be eligible to apply for master’s study through our Fast Track application.

The fast track scheme enables you to apply for, and proceed, straight on to postgraduate master’s study – bypassing the traditional application process:

- www.manchester.ac.uk/fasttrack

Alternatively, please contact the postgraduate admissions office:

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Tel: +44 (0)161 275 4743 – research programmes

Course duration

All of our MA/MSc courses (except for Visual Anthropology) are 12 months full-time or 24 months part-time.

Our PG Diploma courses are 9 months full-time or 18 months part-time.

Our MA Visual Anthropology course is solely 12 months full-time.
An induction programme for all new students takes place during Welcome Week to help you settle in. This includes:

- Welcome talks;
- The opportunity to meet students on your course and other courses within the School of Social Sciences;
- Meetings with your programme director, student support and staff;
- Presentations from key University services;
- The opportunity to join student societies and various social events.

**Pastoral care**

All new students are assigned an Academic Advisor who will provide you with support and advice in one-to-one meetings at regular intervals throughout your degree. Lecturers and course directors hold weekly office hours to discuss any aspect of individual course units.

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**Student induction**

**Postgraduate Teaching and Learning Support Office**

The School has a dedicated Postgraduate Teaching and Learning Support Office, with each Department having a dedicated programme administrator. The team is a one-stop-shop for postgraduate student needs.

**Students’ Union**

The University of Manchester Students’ Union (UMSU) is a student-led organisation and has some of the most active student societies in the country as well as a wide range of support and welfare services. UMSU has an advice centre to assist you with academic issues and a peer support centre whose services include Nightline, a confidential listening and information service run for students by students.

**Accommodation**

Discover your potential new home:

[www.manchester.ac.uk/ accommodation](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/ accommodation)

**Admissions and Applications**

Everything you need to apply to Manchester:

[www.manchester.ac.uk/howtoapply](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/howtoapply)

**Alan Gilbert Learning Commons**

A brand new independent learning resource for your study:

[www.manchester.ac.uk/library/learningcommons](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/library/learningcommons)

**Childcare**

Support for students who are also parents or carers:

[www.manchesterstudentsunion.com/studentparents](http://www.manchesterstudentsunion.com/studentparents)

**Disability Advisory and Support Services**

For any additional support needs:

[www.manchester.ac.uk/dass](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/dass)

**Funding and Finance**

Fees, loans, scholarships and more:

[www.manchester.ac.uk/studentfinance](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/studentfinance)

**International Students**

Discover what we offer our multinational community:

[www.manchester.ac.uk/international](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/international)

**IT Services**

Online learning, computer access and IT support:

[www.manchester.ac.uk/itservices](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/itservices)

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Visiting us

Open days:
The university organises open days every year in October and November. These are an opportunity to find out more about the course, meet students and staff and tour the campus. You will also get the opportunity to find out more about accommodation, finance and our facilities. We also host an information evening for all offer holders in May each year. For more information go to:

www.manchester.ac.uk/study/open-days

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• the need to make, for operational and/or academic reasons, reasonable changes to the content and teaching offered in relation to any course;
• the withdrawal of courses due to cohort numbers being insufficient;
• a course not receiving the relevant accreditation required; and/or
• interruption or loss of key services due to circumstances beyond our control, including fire, flood or other operational issues.

Prospective master’s students are reminded that they are responsible for ensuring, prior to applying, or accepting an offer, to study at The University of Manchester, that they review up-to-date course information, by searching for the relevant master’s course at:

www.manchester.ac.uk/study/masters/courses

All information relating to tuition fees and funding is correct at the time of publication. However, this may change for a number of reasons, including if there is a change to government policy.