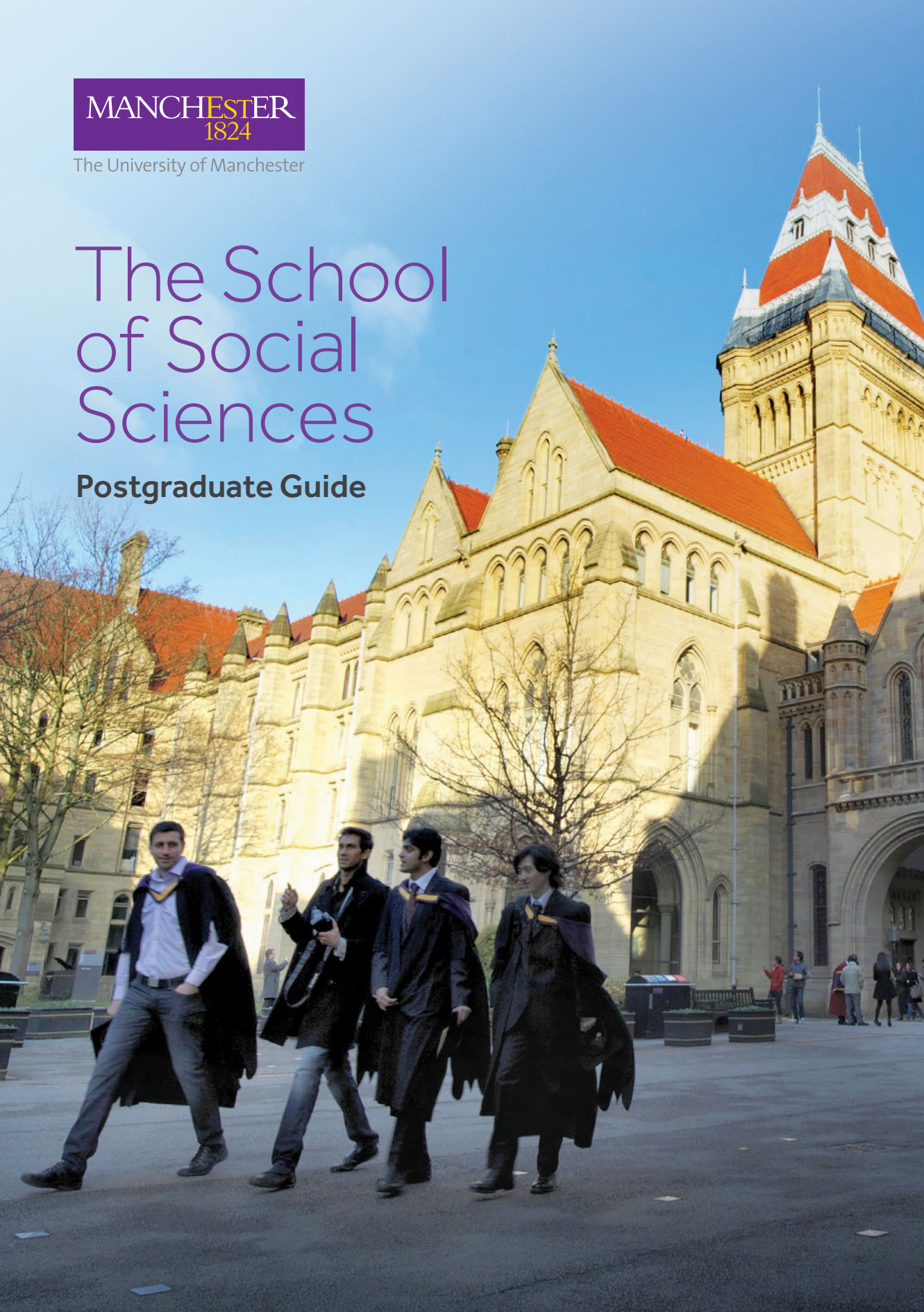


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Postgraduate Guide





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Your City – Your University

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.



Professor Chris Orme,
Head of School



Accommodation

We offer a huge choice of accommodation in University halls of residence. We'll do everything we can to help you find somewhere to live where you'll feel right at home.



There are a wide range of options available to students including:

- Postgraduate-only accommodation
- Single or mixed gender accommodation
- Catered or self-catering facilities
- Shared or en-suite facilities
- Specially adapted rooms for students with disabilities
- Accommodation for families and partners

Contact our Accommodation Office:

+44 (0)161 275 2888

accommodation@manchester.ac.uk

www.manchester.ac.uk/accommodation

Manchester also has plenty of private accommodation available for rent – contact Manchester Student Homes for further information. Jointly owned by the Manchester universities, this is the city's only housing bureau that advertises university-approved accommodation.

Accommodation in Manchester is relatively inexpensive and is never far from a regular bus service to the main University campus.

Contact Manchester Student Homes:

+44 (0)161 275 7680

manchesterstudenthomes@manchester.ac.uk

www.manchesterstudenthomes.com

Fees and funding

Your fees will cover the cost of your study at the University, as well as charges for registration, tuition, supervision, examinations and graduation (excluding graduation robe hire). Fees vary for each postgraduate course.



Payment of tuition fees will also entitle you to membership of The University of Manchester Library, the Students' Union and the Athletic Union.

The fee for each course or programme can be found on the course information pages – please see:

www.socialsciences.manchester.ac.uk/postgraduate-taught-courses/

www.socialsciences.manchester.ac.uk/postgraduate-research-courses/

International students

For international students, studying in the UK can be great value for money. UK degree courses are generally shorter than in the US and Australia because they are more intensive – full-time postgraduate master's courses are only one year, compared to two in most other countries.

This makes a postgraduate course in the UK more efficient in terms of your time and your money.



Funding

UK/EU students may also be entitled to a University bursary or scholarship to support you through your studies. There are numerous different bursaries available; please see our funding pages at:

www.socialsciences.manchester.ac.uk/study-with-us/fees-and-funding/postgraduate-taught-funding/

www.socialsciences.manchester.ac.uk/study-with-us/fees-and-funding/postgraduate-research-funding/

Alternatively please contact us for further information and eligibility criteria.

Contact

Postgraduate Admissions Office

The School of Social Sciences

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Postgraduate study

Like many prospective postgraduate students, you probably already have a clear idea of what you want to study and what subject you are interested in.

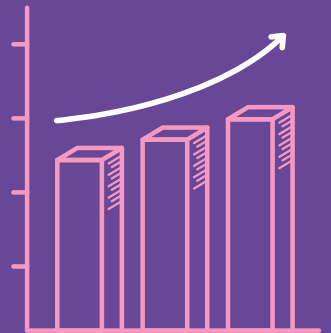
Here at Manchester, we offer world-renowned training, supervision and facilities. Our students pursue intellectually challenging projects within a nurturing and stimulating environment.

You will be part of a diverse, interdisciplinary postgraduate community that reaches far beyond the University.



Our research

Whether you are studying for a taught master's or research programme, you'll be directly involved with cutting edge research. In 2012/13, we attracted more than £280 million in external research funding, and an impressive 78% of our research activity was rated 'world-leading' or 'internationally excellent' in the most recent Research Excellence Framework (REF).



The Research Excellence Framework (REF) confirms Manchester as one of the leading centres for Social Science research in the UK. The results of REF2014 show that Social Science research at Manchester is ranked 3rd in the UK, based on research power (calculated by Grade Point Average (GPA) times number of staff submitted or by 4^{*/3}* times number of staff submitted).



The School of Social Sciences has a number of Research Centres and networks spanning all of our discipline areas: from the Centre on Dynamics and Ethnicity (CoDE) to the Centre for Growth and Business Cycle Research (CGBCR), and plenty more in between.

For further information on all our research centres please see: www.socialsciences.manchester.ac.uk/research/research-centres-and-networks/

Taught postgraduate courses include classes run by Manchester academics and a programme of assessed work. These are particularly suitable if you want to gain a specialised knowledge of your chosen subject area.

As a postgraduate researcher at Manchester, you'll undertake independent research under the supervision of a senior academic, contributing to the body of professional knowledge in your specialist area.

The University of Manchester:

- works in partnership with institutions outside the higher education sector to enable our postgraduates to produce research with a wider relevance and to develop their knowledge and expertise;
- is a partner in the AHRC Centre for Doctoral Training (NWCDTP) and the ESRC North West Doctoral Training Centre (NWDTTC) in collaboration with the University of Liverpool and Lancaster University.



At Manchester you will benefit greatly from our continued investment in the best research facilities as well as a dynamic research culture that encourages innovative, cross-disciplinary collaboration. Our courses and programmes are led by distinguished tutors and fellow researchers working at the forefront of their disciplines, ensuring that your qualification comes with a reputation that will open doors across the world.

We also work with other universities on a range of initiatives. We are part of the N8 Research partnership with seven other northern universities, working together in areas ranging from nanotechnology to the impact of arts and humanities.

Close partnerships with organisations from many different sectors inform our research and postgraduate programmes, providing exceptional opportunities for research with commercial applications, as well as the chance to develop business and entrepreneurial skills and experience relevant to your future career.

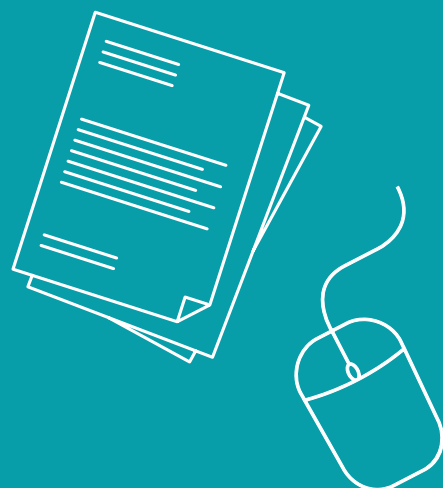


Applying to Manchester

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](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/study/postgraduate-research/admissions/how-to-apply)



International students

We also have educational consultants in some
overseas countries who can assist you with
preparing and submitting your application.

Visit your country page on our website
to find out more:

www.manchester.ac.uk/international/country

We also recognise many different
qualifications from around the world. For
details of international entry requirements
and equivalencies please visit:

www.manchester.ac.uk/international/country

English language requirements

An ability to communicate effectively in
English is vital to your academic performance
and progress at Manchester. Improving your
English is also a valuable long-term skill that
will enhance your job prospects.

For further information on the application
process, language testing, eligibility and support,
please see the course information pages at:

[www.socialsciences.manchester.ac.uk/
postgraduate-taught-courses/](http://www.socialsciences.manchester.ac.uk/postgraduate-taught-courses/)

[www.socialsciences.manchester.ac.uk/
postgraduate-research-courses/](http://www.socialsciences.manchester.ac.uk/postgraduate-research-courses/)

**Alternatively please contact the
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