**The University of Manchester Alumni Association**

*At Manchester we are proud to have the largest global alumni community of any campus-based university in the UK, with many of the 300,000 graduates we are in contact with holding top positions in every imaginable field.* The University of Manchester’s Division of Development and Alumni Relations is here to help alumni maintain a lifelong connection with us and with each other, sharing experiences and expertise and enjoying alumni-exclusive offers, 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 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.

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*

*Jane Cocking*

*Humanitarian Director, Oxfam*

*Jesse Armstrong and Sam Bain*

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

*Benedict Cumberbatch CBE*

*Actor*

*Chuka Umunna MP*

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

*Sir Peter Maxwell Davies*

*Composer and Conductor*

*Lord Norman Foster*

*Architect and Designer*

*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*

*Professor Danielle George*

*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*

You automatically become a member of our alumni community on graduation, but to get the full benefit you should register at *your.manchester.ac.uk* during your final year. You can also follow us on Twitter at @alumniUoM, like us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/alumniuom](http://www.facebook.com/alumniuom) and join our Linkedin group – just search ‘The University of Manchester Alumni Association’.