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CO-OP COLLEGE

'Next Step' Applications



Erin Rosenberg
Director of Next Steps

Sienna (Co-op Academy Failsworth)	Precious (Trinity High School)	Lia (Co-op Academy Failsworth)	Arwa (Manchester Academy)	Daniel (South Shore Academy)
D*D*D* Health and Social Care	D*D*D* Health and Social Care	Sociology B Law B Criminology C	Sociology B English Language B English Literature B	Sociology B Eng Lang B Business B
To study Midwifery at University of Manchester	To study Mental Health Nursing at University of Manchester	To study Law at The University of Law	To study English Language at University of Manchester	To study Accounting & Finance at MMU

Destination 2023 Highlights

Zaara (MCA)	Ellie (Chadderton)	Baraah (TEMA)	Spencer (Chorlton)	Gavin (MEA)
D*D*D* Applied Science	Sociology (B) Law (B) Eng Lit (C)	D*D*D* Applied Science	Sport & Performance (D*D*D*)	Sport & Exercise Science (D*D*D*)
To study Biomedical Sciences at Nottingham	To study Law at MMU	To study Optometry at University of Plymouth	To study MCFC Coaching at MMU	To study Physiotherapy at UCLAN



Applications

Higher Education (HE)

- ❑ 1 course, 5 different universities.
- ❑ Personal statement, references, grade predictions & interviews via UCAS.
- ❑ The student then chooses which offers to accept, or they can apply to another university if they receive no offers.

Apprenticeship/Job/ Internship

- ❑ Unlimited applications!
- ❑ Tailored personal statement.
- ❑ Applications can be made in addition to university applications.

Gap Year Opportunity

- ❑ Must be meaningful!
- ❑ It is a valid option.
- ❑



Higher education
(University)

Employment

Degree/
Higher/Advanced
Apprenticeships







Choices available
post Connell?

Gap Year

Studying abroad



How does Connell support your son/daughter to achieve their chosen next steps?

-  Mock interview with an employer/ university
-  Work experience opportunities sent out weekly
-  Links with employers / universities / apprenticeship providers
-  Dedicated careers & next steps website / Careers corner
-  Careers fair
-  Career related trips and visits

CURRICULUM PARTNERSHIPS

- MCFC - Sport, Business, Sport-business, Media and Marketing/Comms, Legal
[work experience opportunity included, curriculum visits/enhancement, outreach]
- Co-op Group - Law, Business and 'digital' (in the future)
[CYBL and CYBL V2 from 2024, curriculum visits/enhancement, outreach]
- CITC - Sport
[curriculum visits/enhancement, outreach]
- Nuffield Health - Medicine, Health and Social Care, Sport and Exercise Science, Marketing/Comms
[work experience opportunity included, curriculum visits/enhancement, outreach]
- GLL - Sport, Health and Social Care, Marketing/Comms
[inc; guaranteed interview & work trial which could lead to paid employment, work exp.]
- Slater Heelis - Legal and other business functions
[work experience opportunity included, curriculum visits/enhancement]





University of
Central Lancashire
UCLan



The
University
Of
Sheffield.

UCFB



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we place
you first.

Kellogg's

MCR
active

GLL
better for everyone

MHP Manchester
Institute of
Health &
Performance

ROYAL
AIR FORCE

ARMY
BE THE BEST



The Growth
Company

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Link
Contracting



Why choose Higher Education?

- Study a subject they are **passionate** about.
- Achieve a qualification that will lead to their **chosen career**.
- Better **job prospects** for graduates and **higher earning potential**.
- Loans are only repaid when they can afford it (at set rates).
- They gain **confidence, independence,** and **valuable life skills**.
- University offers provide a **clear target** to encourage them to achieve their full potential in their college studies.





Factors to consider with HE

- The **specific subject/course**
- Chosen **career path** – check with employers
- **Location** – city/rural, transport links
- The study style that suits them
- **Finance** – course fees, travel and living costs, including rent and possible guarantor fees for accommodation if they'll be living away from home
- Extra-curricular activities

UCAS

Apply 2024

- The UCAS application is **entirely online** - students begun this last term.
- Maximum of five different university choices, for one course
- Some choice restrictions:
 - for medicine, veterinary science/medicine and dentistry there is a maximum of four university choices
 - can only apply for either Oxford or Cambridge
- Application cost:
 - One to five choices – £27.50
- Equal consideration if deadlines are met
- Invisibility – universities cannot see where else students have applied

University Open Days

- These have been taking place since mid-June and students need to book any final visits in September/October
- Most are now virtual so can also be re-watched if the date has passed, though live is better.
- [Open Days Search Tool - Click Here](#)

The Personal Statement

- The only section your son or daughter has control over
- An **opportunity** to sell themselves
- **One** personal statement for all choices
- Max. 4,000 characters, 47 lines
- Min. 1,000 characters
- No automated spelling/grammar check
- No formatting

UCAS | At the heart of connecting people to higher education



Personal statement structure

- Motivation for choosing the course/apprenticeship/ job:
- Preparedness for the course /apprenticeship/ job
- Experiences
- Extenuating circumstances
- Preparedness for study/employment
- Learning style

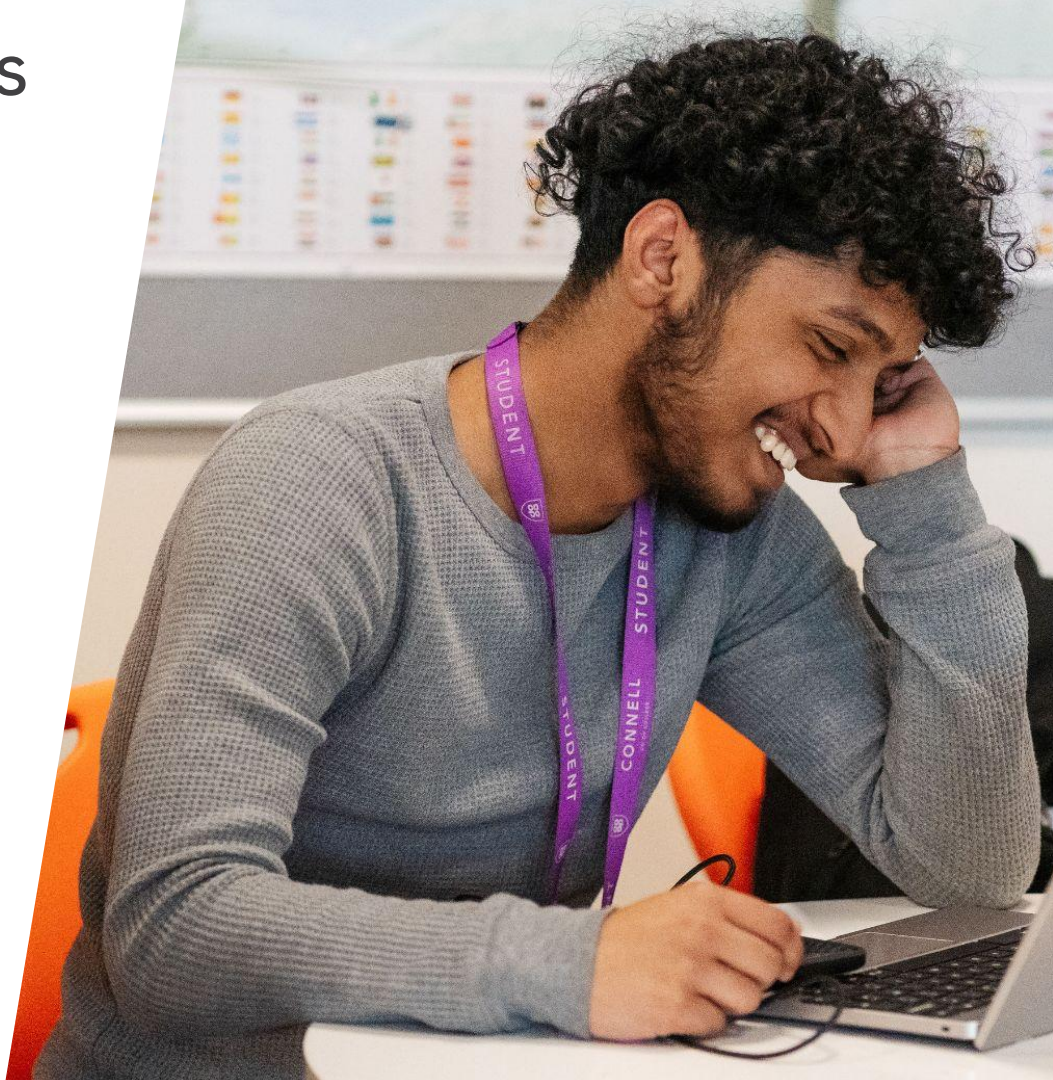


How can you support?

- Encourage your son/daughter to be proactive and take responsibility for their own future!
- Ensure college is aware of your the 'next step' your son/daughter is pursuing so that we can support them
- Use the parents/guardians section of the UCAS website/Parent Guide publication – [Advice For Parents And Guardians](#)
- Offer to attend/be together online for open days, you may have a different perspective
- Don't book family holidays at key times
- Ensure your son/daughter carefully reads & follows everything that is sent to them
- Support your son/daughter's management of their application

Key dates and deadlines

- June - September: Students register and follow the guidance provided by college in order to start completing their online application, options research and personal statement at home.
- **30th September**: Personal statement draft deadline
- **October 6th**: College deadline for medicine, dentistry, vet science & Oxbridge.
- **October 16th**: UCAS deadline for medicine, dentistry, vet science & Oxbridge
- **8th December**: College deadline UCAS applications
- **31st January**: UCAS Deadline





Apprenticeship advice service

- UCAS have launched an apprenticeships advice service to help students make informed decisions about their post-16 and post-18 opportunities.
- Types of apprenticeships
- How to find and apply for apprenticeships
- Preparing for the application and interview process
- Higher & Degree Apprenticeships
- Dedicated degree and professional apprenticeships section on ucas.com
- Detailed profiles of programmes
- From chartered surveying to broadcast engineering
- [Apprenticeships in England](#)



CITIZENSHIP • ORACY • READING & WRITING • EMPLOYABILITY

All students have a weekly CORE lesson partly focussed on developing their personal statement, plus a subject teacher can provide feedback on one statement draft. Our Destinations Manager and university links also support.

Priority:

1-1's aim to help students make a confident and informed decision about their 'Next Step' after Connell and complete it.

Students can get 1-to-1 careers appointments by emailing Erin Rosenberg / Sharon Jones to book in.

Parents can log in to Cedar to view most recent grades and students can see predicted grades and references.

[Whatuni:
Compare the
Best University
Degrees
Courses UK](#)

[UCAS Hub -
Sign up to
'Next Step'
Planner](#)



[Personal
Statement
Examples](#)

[Not sure what
to do after A
levels/BTEC? |
What are the
options?](#)

There is a careers/ next steps fair taking place on 18th October where students can speak to HE and apprenticeship providers and employers!



Questions?

Your support is greatly appreciated and please don't hesitate to email erin.rosenberg@coopacademies.co.uk with any questions or concerns.

MMU will now go into more detail about student finance.

STUDENT FINANCE

GETTING REAL WITH FINANCES

- **What financial support is available?**
- **Scholarships and bursaries**
- **Repaying student loans**
- **When and how to apply?**

COSTS OF UNIVERSITY – FULL-TIME COURSES



Tuition Fee:

Full-time Undergraduate degree courses **£9,250***

Foundation Year: **£9,250***

Placement Year: **£1,850***

- **Nothing to pay upfront**

Maintenance Loan

Accommodation, food, social, travel etc.

Maximum: **£9,978** if living away from home
 £8,400 if living with parents

- More if studying in London
- Amount depends on household income



WHAT FINANCIAL SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE?

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**Tuition
Fee Loan**

**Maintenance
Loan**

**Scholarships/
Bursaries***

** Can be dependent on Household Residual Income (HRI)*

TUITION FEE LOAN – FOR ALL STUDENTS

- No one has to pay fees upfront
- Up to **£9,250** to cover the cost of Tuition Fees
- Paid straight to the University by the Student Loan Company
- Repayments start **April** after graduation and earnings over **£25,000***. Entitlement not based on household income

**2022 threshold*



MAINTENANCE LOAN – FOR ALL STUDENTS



Up to £8,400



Living at
parental home



Up to £9,978



Living elsewhere
(not London)



Up to £13,022



Living elsewhere
(London)

- Receive 3 instalments: **Sept/Oct, Jan and April**
- Repayments start **April** after graduation and earnings over **£25,000*** Entitlement is based on household income

MAINTENANCE LOAN - HOW WILL STUDENTS BE ASSESSED?

Household
Residual
Income is...



The joint, gross, taxable income

of parent(s), guardian(s), step-parent or partner with whom the student lives

Based on previous tax year

Student's own income (earned) is not taken into account

Minus allowances for:

- Any private pension fund payments
- Any business/professional costs on which parents can claim tax relief
- Any other child fully dependent on parents

STUDENTS LIVING AT PARENTAL HOME – MAXIMUM LOAN £8,400

Household Income £ per year	Maximum Maintenance Loan £ per year	Maximum Tuition Fee Loan £ per year	Maximum Borrowed (excluding interest) £ per year
25,000	8,400	9,250	17,650
30,000	7,694	9,250	16,944
35,000	6,988	9,250	16,238
40,000	6,282	9,250	15,532
45,000	5,576	9,250	14,826
50,000	4,869	9,250	14,119
55,000	4,163	9,250	13,413
58,291(+)	3,698	9,250	12,948

Figures correct for September 2023 starters

STUDENTS LIVING ELSEWHERE – MAXIMUM LOAN £9,978



Household Income £ per year	Maximum Maintenance Loan £ per year	Maximum Tuition Fee Loan £ per year	Maximum Borrowed (excluding interest) £ per year
25,000	9,978	9,250	19,228
30,000	9,265	9,250	18,515
35,000	8,552	9,250	17,802
40,000	7,839	9,250	17,089
45,000	7,125	9,250	16,375
50,000	6,412	9,250	15,662
55,000	5,699	9,250	14,949
62,343(+)	4,651	9,250	13,901

Figures correct for September 2023 starters

SCHOLARSHIPS & BURSARIES

SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES – FOR SOME STUDENTS

Many universities and colleges offer financial support to their students through Scholarships and Bursaries

Scholarships:

Can be linked to academic results or outstanding ability in an area such as sport, music or art



Can be subject specific and are limited in number

Bursaries:

Linked to personal circumstances and often household income



Awards can include fee waivers or cash

SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES – FOR SOME STUDENTS

Manchester Metropolitan University Student Support Package

A support package is available to full-time undergraduate students where household incomes are £25,000 pa or less

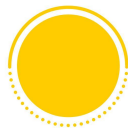
- Split across three years: £750* in each year
- Includes Foundation Year and integrated Master's degrees

More information is available on our website

www.mmu.ac.uk/funding-your-studies



SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES – FOR SOME STUDENTS



Care Leavers Bursary

A cash bursary of £1,000



Sports Scholarships

A financial contribution available depending on the athlete



The Neelam Aggarwal Scholarship

One non-repayable scholarship worth £3,750*



First Generation

£1500 bursary and other support



Manchester School of Art Credit

A £200* non-repayable bursary for students studying a practice-based course



Estranged Students

Help with essential costs over the summer break

ADDITIONAL FUNDING SUPPORT – FOR HEALTHCARE STUDENTS

Available to all new and current pre-registration students on nursing and some allied health professional courses, such as Physiotherapy.



- **Non repayable Training Grant £5000** (with additional £1000 for shortage courses and £1000 for regional incentive)
- **£2000 parental support**
- **Travel and Dual Accommodation expenses** (reimbursements)
- **Exceptional support fund** (where students have a shortfall between income and expenditure)
- Students can still access funding for Tuition and Maintenance Loans
- Also eligible for the Manchester Met Student Support Package if criteria are met

www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/learning-support-fund/new-student-funding

ADDITIONAL FUNDING SUPPORT – FOR HEALTHCARE STUDENTS

Learning Support Fund offers support for:

- Practice placement travel and/or temporary accommodation costs
- Students experiencing financial hardship
- Students with at least one dependent child
- www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/LSF



SOCIAL WORK COURSES

- Students can apply for the standard package of support
- Bursaries are available to eligible students who are studying an approved undergraduate or postgraduate course in Social Work during years 2 and 3 only
- **Maximum £4,862.50* per year.**
- These are non-means tested and non-repayable
- Limited number available
- Students are shortlisted by their university

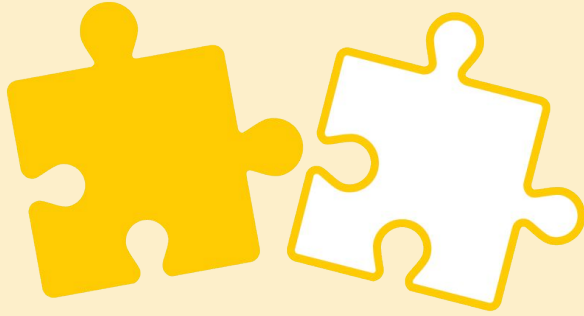
Further information:

www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/swb

**2023 amount still to be confirmed*



ADDITIONAL FUNDING – FOR SOME STUDENTS



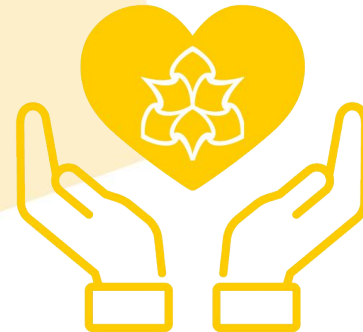
Disabled Students' Allowance

- Non-repayable, non-income assessed
- Can help with the cost of additional study related support
- www.gov.uk/disabled-students-allowances-dsas

University Support Fund

- Provides help for students through a range of schemes including Day to Day Support and Accommodation Fee Support
- The fund is discretionary, so eligibility depends on your individual circumstances

www.mmu.ac.uk/supportfunds

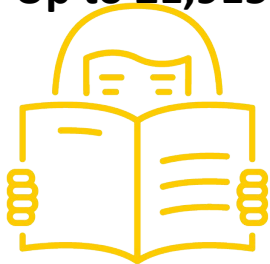


FUNDING FOR YOUR STUDIES – IF YOU HAVE A CHILD/DEPENDANT

Our Student Union Advice Centre can give you information
and advice about what you're entitled to whilst you're
studying www.theunionmmu.org/advice-centre



Up to £1,915



**Parents' Learning
Allowance**



Up to 85%

of actual costs of childcare;
maximum **£188.90*** per
week for
one child or **£323.85*** for
two or more children

**Childcare
Grant**

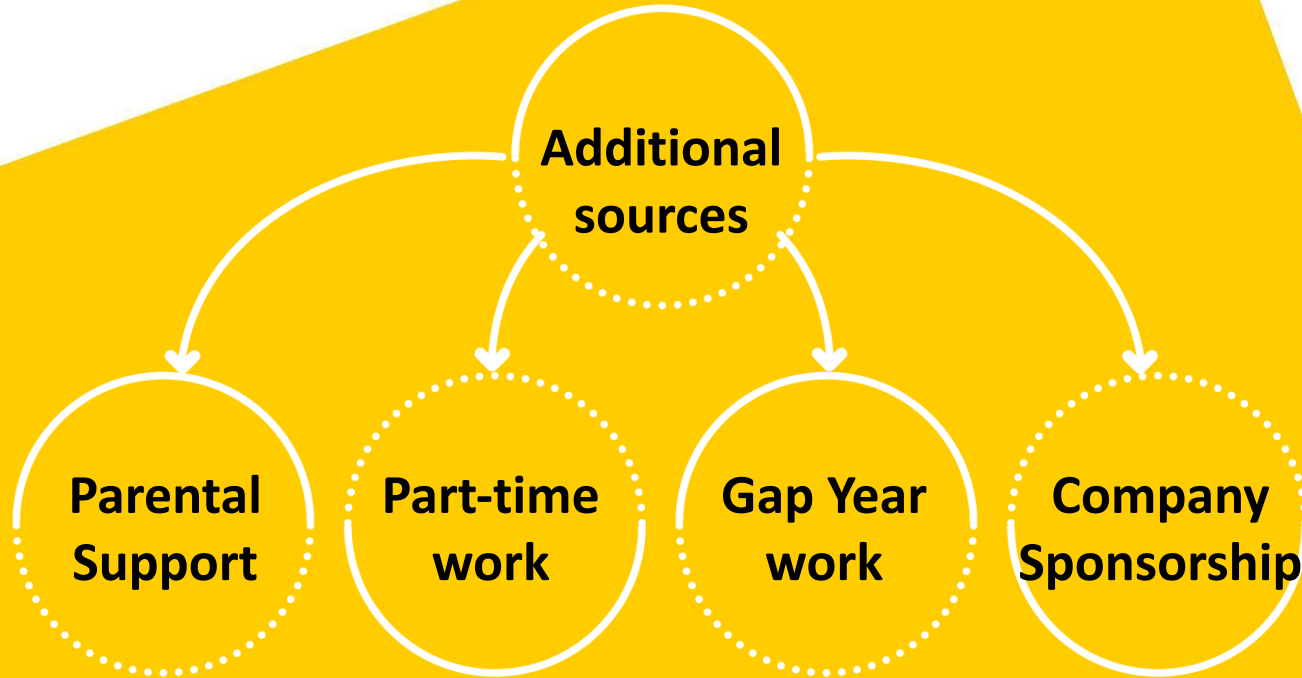


Up to £3,354*



**Adult Dependants'
Grant**

ADDITIONAL FUNDING OPTIONS



WHAT WILL I GET?

Find out the
amount you are
entitled to here:



www.gov.uk/student-finance-calculator

Other Sources of help:

[www.gov.uk/guidance/
cost-of-living-student-finance-support](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/cost-of-living-student-finance-support)

[www.ucas.com/finance/managing-money/
budget-calculator](https://www.ucas.com/finance/managing-money/budget-calculator)



COST OF LIVING HUB



Advice and Support on money matters

- **Student Hardship Fund**
For unexpected difficulties
Significant increase in funding.
- **Mental Health and Wellbeing Support Team**
- **Support with budgeting and ways to save money**
- **Help to source part-time work**
- **Student Union Advice Centre**

www.mmu.ac.uk/student-life/finance/cost-of-living-hub

REPAYING STUDENT LOANS

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- Begin the **April after finishing** course if your earnings exceed **£25,000**
- If earnings fall below **£25,000** or you **cease working**, repayment stops
- **Interest is applied to loans** - Variable rate applied depending on earnings
- Any debt left after 40 years is written off
- Early repayments can be made at any time (with no penalty) if a student wants to reduce their loan balance early



REPAYING STUDENT LOANS

Annual income before tax (Gross)	Monthly repayment (Approximate)
£25,000	£0
£28,000	£22
£29,500	£33
£31,000	£45
£33,000	£60

** Figures apply to September 2023 starters*



HOW THE INTEREST WORKS

Interest levels will depend on a student's income and circumstances:

During study until entering repayment



Interest Rate:
Retail Price Index
+3%

Income:
Under £25,000

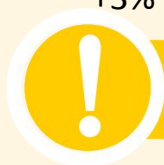


Interest Rate:
RPI Only

Income:
£25,000 to £49,130



Interest Rate:
RPI



The interest rate is updated once a year using the RPI figure from March which is carried forward and applied in September

WHEN AND HOW TO APPLY?

APPLYING FOR STUDENT FINANCE

Via Student Finance England
www.gov.uk/student-finance

- Apply online for student finance from Spring 2023
- You do not need a confirmed place to apply – simply put down your preferred choice and amend online if needed
- Deadline by which to apply – **Usually late May**
- Students and sponsors (e.g. parents) can register and apply in one session
- Can access an online calculator to work out estimated entitlement



FIND OUT MORE



Manchester Met University Website:
for information on our fees, Student Support
Package and other Scholarships and Bursaries
www.mmu.ac.uk/funding-your-studies



Student Finance England: to make an application
www.gov.uk/student-finance



Student Loans Repayment:
www.gov.uk/repaying-your-student-loan



Advice on Finance and Budgeting:
www.moneysavingexpert.com/students/

INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS FROM



Wales: **www.studentfinancewales.co.uk**



Scotland: **www.saas.gov.uk**



Northern Ireland: **www.studentfinancenir.co.uk**



EU: **www.gov.uk/student-finance**



Overseas: International students interested in studying with us please contact our International Team:
www.mmu.ac.uk/international

**TAKE THE
NEXT STEP**

First Generation Scholarship Programme



- Supports young people from the North West whose parents/guardians didn't go to university
- Pre-entry phase supporting you through the application process
- On-course support if you choose to study at Manchester Metropolitan University



Pre-entry phase

- Welcome and Induction event
- Summer University Taster
- Application guidance and support
- Compulsory activity
- Development sessions - hybrid



On-course support at Manchester Met



- Transitioning to University event
- £1,500 scholarship (£500 per year)
- Welcome activities to support your transition to University
- An immersive programme of opportunities to support your career readiness
- Opportunity to gain relevant and paid work experience as a Student Ambassador

Criteria & Applying



- 6 GCSEs at Grade 4 and above including Maths and English
- Neither parent(s)/guardian(s) went to university*
- Attended a UK State high school
- Study or live in the North West (counties of Greater Manchester, Lancashire, Cheshire, Merseyside, Cumbria)
- Open now for applications from Year 12 Students.

Apply online: mmu.ac.uk/firstgenscheme

Queries: firstgeneration@mmu.ac.uk

** See website for additional criteria*

FIND OUT WHAT YOU REALLY NEED TO KNOW AT AN OPEN DAY

Wednesday 21 June 2023

Saturday 14 October 2023

Saturday 21 October 2023

Saturday 25 November 2023

Book your place and plan your day at
mmu.ac.uk/openday

If you have any questions at all,
you can contact our friendly team.

Good luck!

Emma

Student Recruitment Officer

Course Enquiries

mmu.ac.uk/course-enquiry

01612476969



www.mmu.ac.uk



VIRTUAL TOUR

Start your tour at
virtualexperience.mmu.ac.uk



CHAT TO A STUDENT

Start your conversation at
mmu.ac.uk/chatwithus



**Any
questions**



Thank you!

