

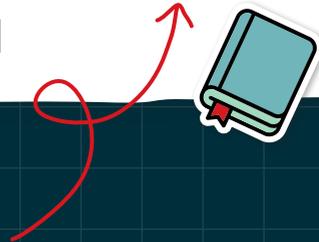


University of
Salford
MANCHESTER



INTERNATIONAL PARENTS GUIDE

STUDYING AT
SALFORD IN 2020/21



WHY STUDY IN THE UK?

Getting a British education enhances your child's global career prospects. They will receive a world-class education and develop the skills they need to succeed in their chosen profession. As the UK is a very multi-cultural place, they will develop an international perspective. This is a highly desirable asset within global companies and improves their job prospects both in the UK and in your home country.

Your child can expect to benefit from an improved level of English and a useful network of connections from around the world.

Studying in the UK is less expensive than studying in some countries such as the US, where course fees are much higher. Courses in the UK are generally shorter too, which reduces the overall fees.

By studying in the UK, your child will also learn a lot about living independently.

A British education provides a practical and interactive learning experience alongside theory, with assessment methods including live projects, group work, presentations or lab-based work. Through high quality British teaching methods combined with extracurricular activities and student support, they will develop all the essential skills they need to succeed in their career, such as teamwork and critical thinking.

WORK OPPORTUNITIES IN THE UK

Did you know that your child could benefit from the new Graduate Immigration Route visa? This will enable eligible international students the opportunity to remain and work in the UK for two years after they have completed their studies. More information is available on the [Home Office](#) website.

We explain more about how we can support your child in finding work later on in this guide - see section titled Careers Services.



“THE BEST EXPERIENCE OF MY LIFE”



Arjun from India achieved his dream job, after studying his master's degree at Salford - read more on our [Made In Salford Blog](#).





Architecture Studios



WHY SALFORD?

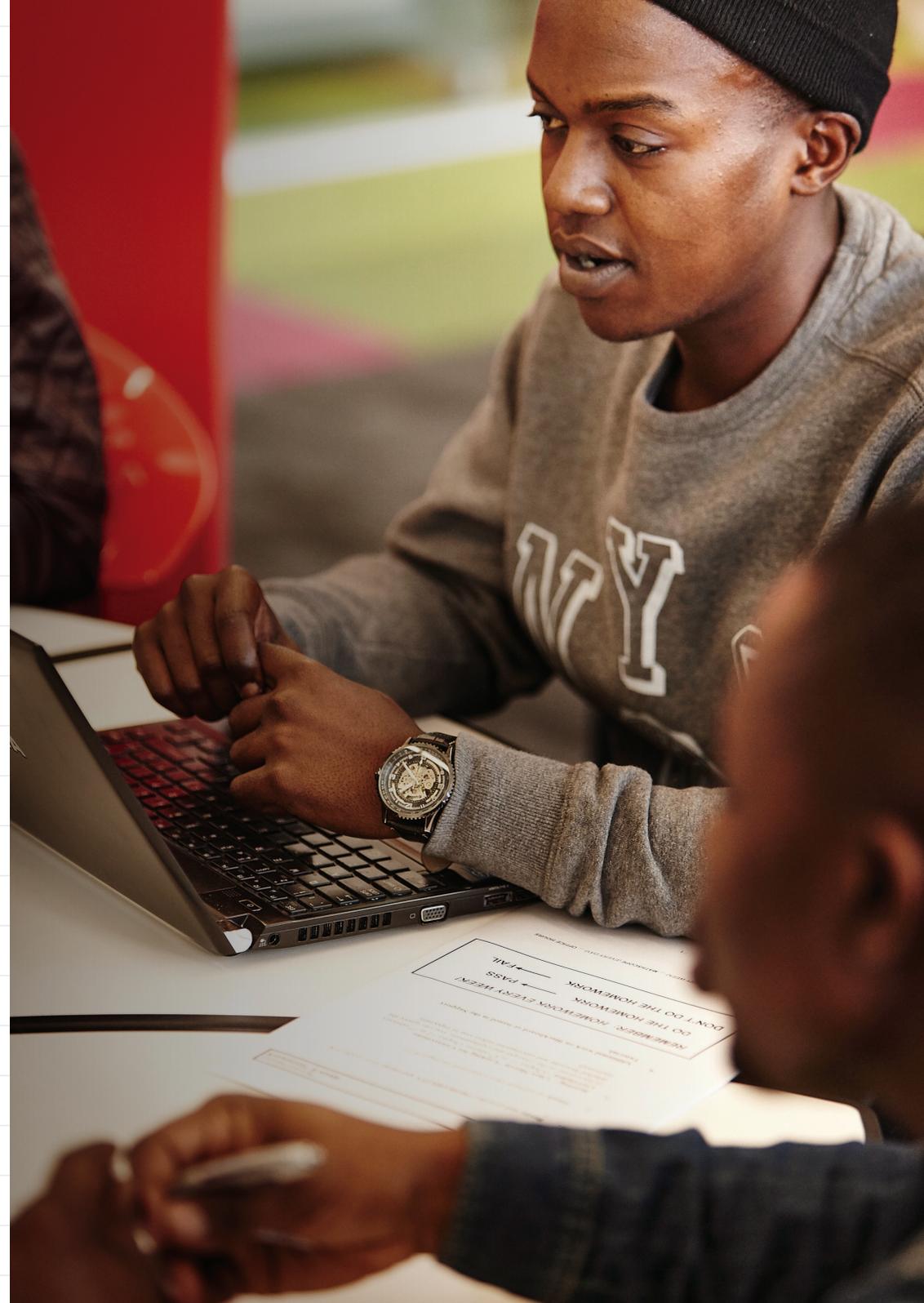
We started as the Royal Technical Institute in 1896 and we've now been a leading university for over 50 years. Our courses are carefully designed to give our students real-world experiences and our excellent industry links mean students can graduate with confidence.

We are proud to have 170,000 alumni in every corner of the world. Thousands of our graduates have gone on to work at global companies such as PwC, Google, Apple, KPMG, GlaxoSmithKline, NHS, Skanska, and the BBC.

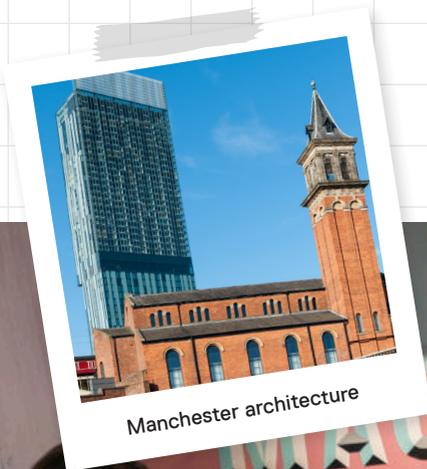
Our location sets us apart, as we are just 2km from Manchester, an internationally recognised city with a wealth of job opportunities in growing industries, including digital, sports, and business.



Engineering student



LIVING IN MANCHESTER



Manchester architecture



MANCHESTER

Greater Manchester is one of the most diverse city regions in the UK with over 200 languages spoken. We are proud to say people in Manchester are some of the friendliest people you will meet, so there are plenty of opportunities to make friends from all over the world!

Your child can enjoy some home comforts, as there is food available in shops and restaurants to cater to all tastes, budgets and dietary requirements including halal, vegetarian and kosher food. Food is imported to the UK from all over the world and can be bought from supermarkets, or specialist local markets and shops. The UK's second-largest Chinatown can be found in Manchester, as can the famous "Curry Mile" which specialises in cuisines from South Asia and the Middle East.

There are lots of interesting places to visit when they have some time off studying. Manchester is famous for culture, theatre, music, science and technology, and art. Those into sport will enjoy the world-famous football clubs Manchester United FC and Manchester City FC, along with Old Trafford Cricket Ground and the National Football Museum. History, science or art lovers will enjoy visiting the selection of museums and art galleries and exploring the UK's unique history which stretches back thousands of years.

For those who love to shop there's plenty of options including one of Europe's largest shopping centres, the Trafford Centre, the Arndale Centre as well as specialist shops selling goods from around the world. From designer products to second hand (pre-owned) goods, there is plenty to choose from.

CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

The University of Salford Student's Union (USSU) has over 50 student-led societies, so your child will find it easy to make friends. From academic to political to music to international societies and more – there are plenty of options to choose from.

Our USSU also provides sports teams, low cost meals and supplies, social events, and discounts for high street shops and services. Visit the [USSU website](#) to find out more.



Manchester United



Chinatown



Holi Festival

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

We are passionate about providing our students with as much support as they need, when they need it. If your child needs to speak to someone about personal issues, study issues, visas, or anything else which is troubling them, our wellbeing team, [askUS](#), are always available to support them.

HEALTH AND WELLBEING SERVICES

The type of health and wellbeing services we offer includes:

- / 24-hour helpline providing emotional support and counselling
- / Advice with financial issues
- / Health advice and support accessing healthcare services

HEALTHCARE IN THE UK

The UK is very proud of its National Health Service (NHS), which provides a wide range of health services.

Full time students on a Tier 4 visa are required to pay a health surcharge as part of their visa application, which will give them access to the same services as a UK resident. Available services include:

- / GP (doctor) services
- / Walk-in clinics
- / Accident and Emergency (A&E) services
- / Treatment for infectious diseases

To find out more information about healthcare in the UK, visit [UK Council for International Student Affairs \(UKCISA\)](#).

All students should register with a GP as soon as they arrive at Salford. Those living in campus accommodation or nearby should register with the University of Salford's Medical Centre.

Find more information about our health and wellbeing services on our [askUS website](#).

SUPPORT DURING COVID-19

The health and wellbeing of our students and staff is our number one priority. So, we are taking advice from the UK government, Public Health England and the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and taking the necessary steps to keep our community safe. For the most up-to-date information, please visit our [FAQ page](#).

SAFETY AND SECURITY

Our security staff take pride in looking after our community of students and staff. We offer an on-campus security service which provides assistance for students and staff 24-hours a day. From carrying out active foot patrols, to monitoring CCTV and alerts from apps on student phones, our security team have got everything covered.

Manchester is generally a safe place to live. Like any major city it is important to stay alert, but following basic safety advice will allow students to live safely and enjoy all the exciting things the city has to offer. Upon arrival, students will be given a safety briefing to find out about the support and security services that we provide.

STUDY SUPPORT

To help your child achieve the best results in their studies, they will be assigned a personal tutor from their course, to give academic advice.

Our [Skills for Learning team](#) also offer online learning and support workshops for students to help develop their academic, research, digital and IT skills.

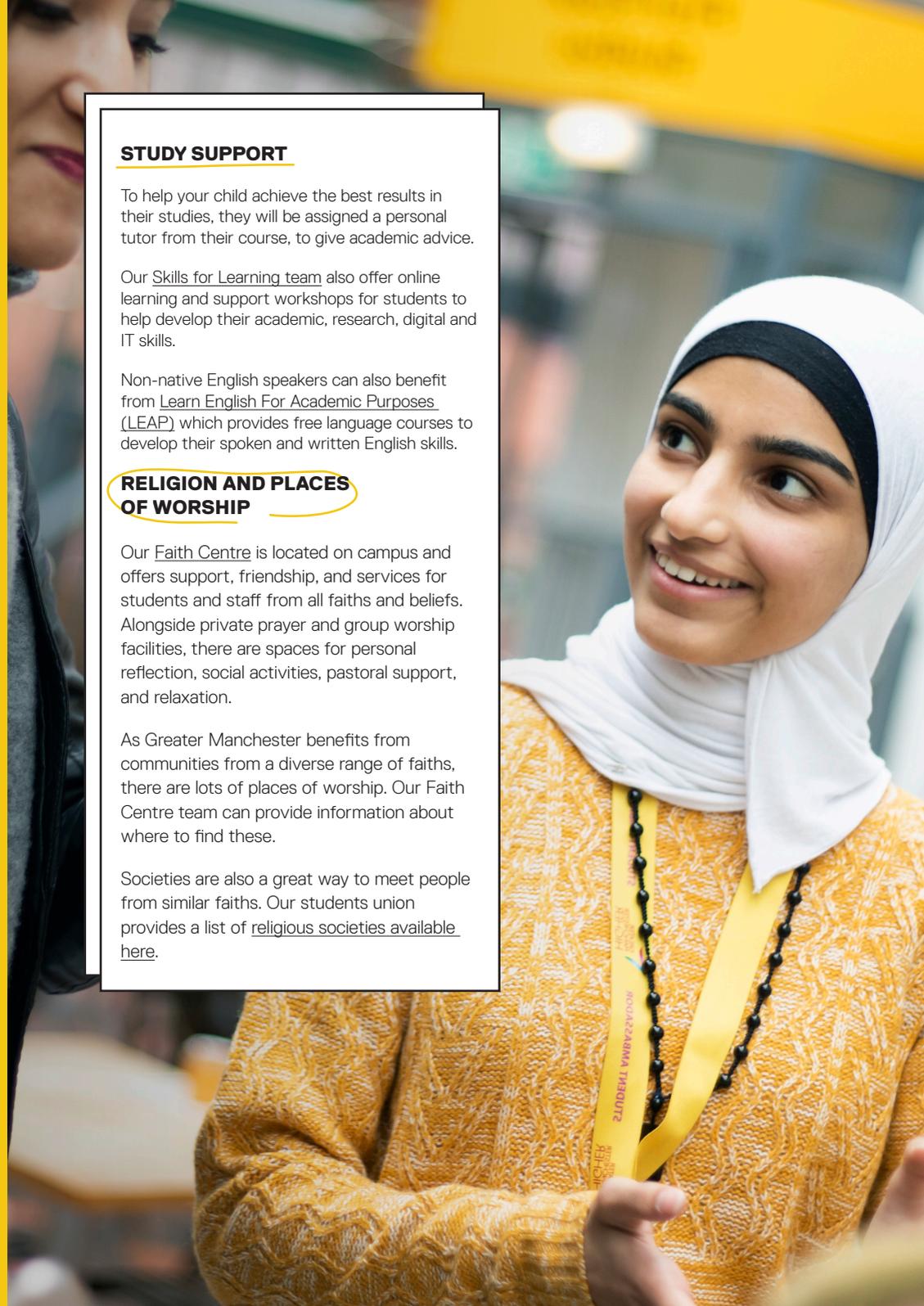
Non-native English speakers can also benefit from [Learn English For Academic Purposes \(LEAP\)](#) which provides free language courses to develop their spoken and written English skills.

RELIGION AND PLACES OF WORSHIP

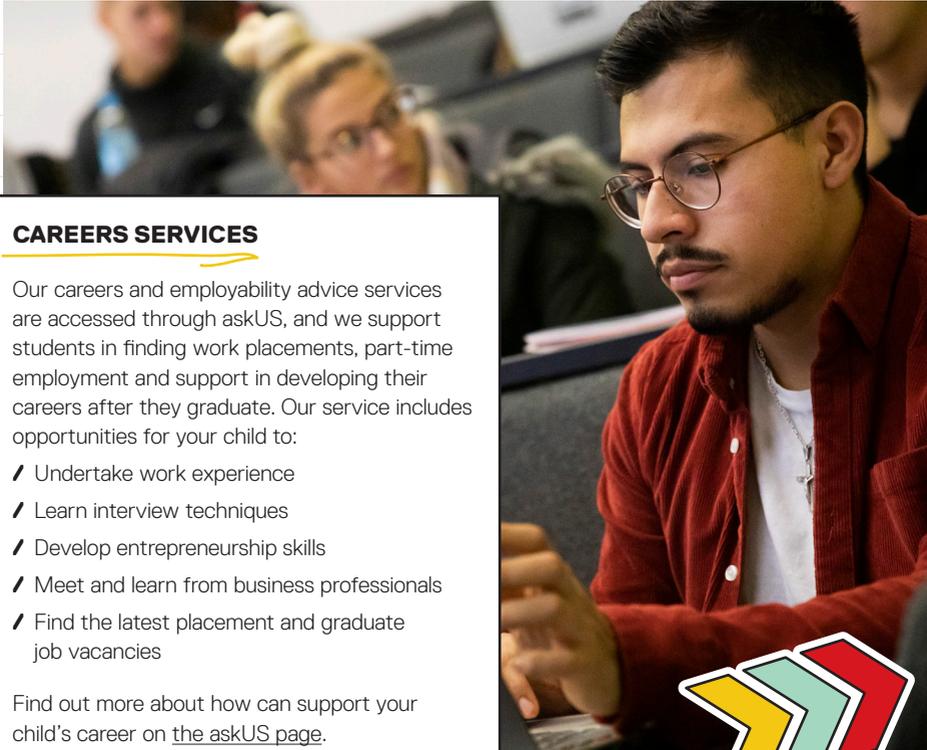
Our [Faith Centre](#) is located on campus and offers support, friendship, and services for students and staff from all faiths and beliefs. Alongside private prayer and group worship facilities, there are spaces for personal reflection, social activities, pastoral support, and relaxation.

As Greater Manchester benefits from communities from a diverse range of faiths, there are lots of places of worship. Our Faith Centre team can provide information about where to find these.

Societies are also a great way to meet people from similar faiths. Our students union provides a list of [religious societies available here](#).



WE'RE HERE TO HELP



CAREERS SERVICES

Our careers and employability advice services are accessed through askUS, and we support students in finding work placements, part-time employment and support in developing their careers after they graduate. Our service includes opportunities for your child to:

- ✓ Undertake work experience
- ✓ Learn interview techniques
- ✓ Develop entrepreneurship skills
- ✓ Meet and learn from business professionals
- ✓ Find the latest placement and graduate job vacancies

Find out more about how we can support your child's career on [the askUS page](#).



SUPPORT WITH ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

We are here to support your child with everything they need to gain entry onto their chosen course and to ensure they have an excellent experience throughout their time at Salford.

All of the conditions of entry that your child needs to meet have been outlined in their offer letter.

As 2020 has been a disruptive year for everyone across the globe due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we are sending out communications regularly to applicants and offer holders to ensure they have the latest information. All of the most up-to-date details around our response to COVID-19 including safety, academic requirements, English language requirements, visas, and deposits can be found on our [COVID-19 FAQs page](#).

All current course information can be found on our website at www.salford.ac.uk.

FINANCES

We understand that paying for university can be daunting and that many students rely on you to help them pay for their studies, or take out bank loans. So we offer a range of options to support you and your child in managing your finances.

SCHOLARSHIPS

If your child has an offer to study at Salford, they may be eligible for one of our scholarships to get a discount on tuition fees. We have a range of automatic merit-based scholarships and if they are eligible for one of these, it will be included in their offer letter. They should remember to check their offer letter carefully.

They could also apply for our Salford International Excellence Award which provides a discount of up to £5,000.

You can explore our full range of scholarships [here](#).

PAYING THE FEES

If you or your child are funding their studies, you have the option to pay in 5 instalments (starting the month after the course commencement date). This helps to spread out the cost of their studies over time.

Alternatively, if you choose to pay in full upfront, we offer a prompt payment discount of 3% on the net fee remaining after any scholarship has been applied. For more information, please visit our [askUS site](#) (see the section for self-funding students).

Our student support service, askUS, offers information and advice to help them manage their finances. This includes advice for budgeting, bank accounts and working in the UK. askUS are available to support them at any time, throughout their journey to Salford and after they enrol as a student.

SPONSORED STUDENTS

If you are expecting an external organisation like an embassy, employer or a government organisation to pay some or all of your child's tuition fees, they must send us an official letter from their sponsor at the beginning of each academic year. For more information, please visit our [askUS site](#) (see the section on sponsored students).

COST OF LIVING

Manchester is cheaper to live in compared to other cities in the south of England, such as London. You'll find a guide to living costs at Salford [online](#).

BANK ACCOUNTS

You can find lots of information about how to open a bank account and other money advice for international students on the [askUS page](#).

STUDENT ACCOMMODATION

Peel Park Quarter

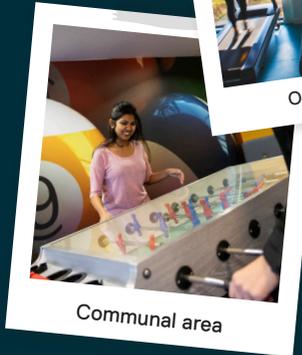


ON-CAMPUS ACCOMMODATION

Living in accommodation is a great way for students to get settled into university life, meet new people and immerse themselves in the student experience. At Salford we work with our accommodation partners, [Campus Living Villages \(CLV\)](#), who manage two accommodation villages. Prices include all utilities, wi-fi, use of on-site social areas and free on-site gym. You can find full details of our CLV accommodation on their website.



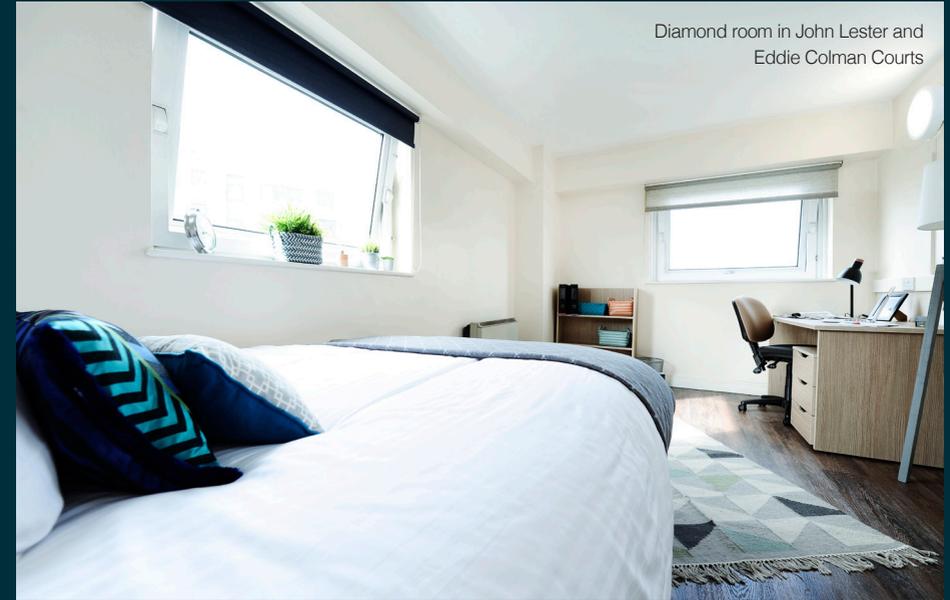
On-site gym



Communal area



Peel Park Quarter



Diamond room in John Lester and Eddie Colman Courts



Peel Park Quarter

LIVING-OFF CAMPUS IN PRIVATE ACCOMMODATION

Many applicants choose to look further afield for their accommodation, and if this is the case we recommend [Manchester Student Homes](#) who offer free house-hunting advice. They only work with fully accredited landlords and will help to keep tenants informed about their rights during their tenancy. There are a number of accredited accommodation choices within close proximity to the University.





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Our International Team is here to help and guide students through the application process. They can be contacted on international@salford.ac.uk or **+44 (0)161 295 4545** (option 1, option 2, then option 1).

We also work with agents and in-country representatives who assist our applicants. You can find the details on your country page on our website.

www.salford.ac.uk/international