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**INTERNATIONAL PARENTS' GUIDE TO
UNDERGRADUATE STUDY**

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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 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. Find out more [about routes after study](#).

We explain more about how we can support your child in finding work later on in this guide - see section titled Careers Services on page 14.



“I FELT AT HOME RIGHT AWAY”

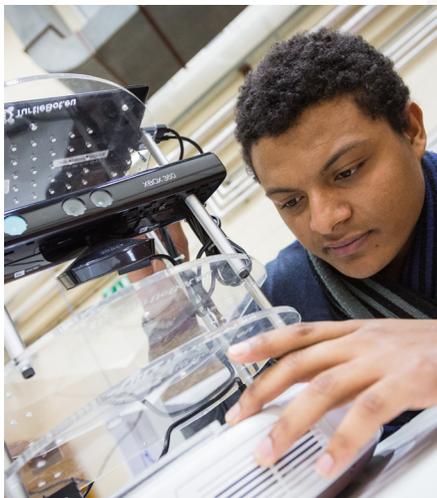
While studying at Salford, Ade from Nigeria recommends joining several student societies. He made friends with people from all over the world who helped him settle in and became his global family. [Read more on our Made In Salford Blog.](#)





Architecture Studios

WHY SALFORD?



Engineering student

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, science, health and business.



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 are plenty of options including one of Europe's largest shopping centres, the Trafford Centre. Manchester is also home to 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.

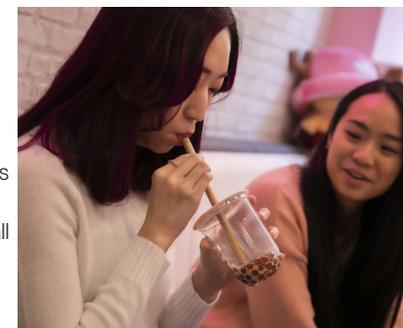
CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

The University of Salford Students' 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 organises 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 Student 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 and we have implemented a range of safety measures on campus. You can find some dedicated information on our [Family and Friends of Students Hub](#) to find out more. You can also find specific information for international students on our [FAQ page](#).

Safety and security

Greater Manchester is generally a safe place to live, but like any major city-region it is important to stay alert. By following basic safety advice, students can live safely and enjoy all the exciting things the city-region has to offer.

Our friendly security team are consistently recognised and accredited for their efforts in keeping everyone safe on campus, with assistance available 24-hours per day. We also have a free app called SafeZone, to give students extra peace of mind and support while at university. It enables students to access emergency or urgent assistance, request first aid and report an emergency incident or concern, day or night. To find out more, visit salford.ac.uk/safezone

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, we offer support during the welcome and induction process to prepare them for the UK education system.

The [International student](#) support includes online learning and support workshops 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 has communities from many different 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](#).

APPLICATION TIMELINE



Key

- CHOOSE YOUR OPTIONS
- RECEIVE YOUR OFFERS
- REPLY TO YOUR OFFERS
- BOOK ACCOMMODATION
- GET RESULTS AND MEET OFFER CONDITIONS
- APPLY FOR A STUDENT VISA
- WELCOME WEEK



SUPPORTING THE APPLICANT JOURNEY

As the parents or carers of our applicants we recognise the vital role that you play in supporting our applicants in their decision-making. We want to provide you with some key pieces of information to help you support our students during the process of applying to study at a UK university.

This guide will cover the timeline for applying to university, information to help you understand some of the processes and terminology around applying to university and how we support new students to settle into life at the University of Salford.



WHAT HAPPENS AFTER STUDENTS HAVE APPLIED?

Track the application

Tracking the application depends on how the application was submitted, for example, if it was done via our Applicant Portal, students can log in to track the progress of their application, if they used an agent, the agent will log on to the Applicant Portal for them, and if they applied through UCAS, they can use UCAS Track to monitor the application.

Offers and decision making

Applicants should receive all of their offers by mid-May, and make their decision on which universities to choose for their firm and insurance options by early June (please visit the UCAS website, ucas.com, for exact deadline dates). They need to do this on UCAS Track. See the following page for more details.

Finance

There are a number of different options for paying students' tuition fees - they can be self-funded (you pay for your child's studies), funded by a scholarship, or by an organisation, such as your employer, or government. Please find more information on page 15 of this guide.

Accommodation

If your son or daughter is planning to stay in our accommodation, whether in Peel Park Quarter, John Lester or Eddie Colman Courts, they need to book their place. Our rooms are popular and fill up quickly, so we'll let them know by email as soon as applications open. In the meantime, find out more at salford.ac.uk/accommodation

Once their place is confirmed, we send out welcome information to all new students.



INSPIRE



OFFERS AND DECISION MAKING

TYPES OF OFFER

CONDITIONAL – a conditional offer requires the applicant to meet certain conditions before we will admit them onto the course. Offer conditions could include; submitting exam results, or proof of English language, providing a portfolio and paying a study deposit. The conditions of the offer will be detailed in the offer letter. It is essential to meet the offer conditions before the specified deadlines or as early as possible to secure their place on their chosen course.

Read more about entry [requirements and deadlines](#).

UNCONDITIONAL – There are no conditions attached, if the applicant chooses this as their firm choice, the place is theirs.

It's worth mentioning that for some health courses there are additional requirements pre-arrival, including DBS checks and occupational health checks.

MAKING DECISIONS

Once the applicant is in receipt of decisions from all five choices on their UCAS form, it is decision time! If the applicant has received all their decisions back by mid-May then their decision deadline is usually in early June (please visit the UCAS website, ucas.com, for exact deadline dates).

TYPES OF REPLIES

All applicants are required to make a 'firm' and 'insurance' choice.

FIRM – this means that if the conditions are met, this is the applicant's first choice and they'll be going to this institution for that course.

INSURANCE – this is the 'back-up' course, typically with lower entry requirements, that the applicant chooses just in case they don't meet the requirements of the first course.

Students can choose to accept, defer or decline their offer using the same method as their application. If they applied through UCAS, students should reply to their offers through UCAS Track. Or if they applied on the Applicant Portal, they should reply on there, or if they used an agent, the agent can accept or decline the offer for them.

FURTHER INFORMATION

For more information on what students should do once they have submitted their application, including more details on offer conditions and making decisions, please visit salford.ac.uk/international/live-applied-whats-next



WE'RE HERE TO HELP

CAREERS SERVICES

Our Careers and Enterprise team supports students in finding work placements, part-time jobs or voluntary opportunities whilst they're at university and long after they graduate to support their career development. 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 our [careers website](#).



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS AND VISAS

We are here to support your child to help make their journey to Salford as smooth as possible, and to ensure they have an excellent study experience.

All of the conditions of entry that your child needs to meet have been outlined in their offer letter. You can find information and videos about getting a [Student visa](#) and the support we offer.

As the Covid-19 pandemic has caused unprecedented disruption across the globe, we have been regularly communicating with our prospective students about how we will support them. You can find the most up-to-date details about our support, including safety, travel advice and visas on our [COVID-19 FAQs page](#).

Once students have an offer, they should visit our [Offer Holder Hub](#) to find out what to do next, and find useful content about life at Salford and preparing to study here.

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.

High achieving students 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 on our website: salford.ac.uk/international/scholarships

Paying the fees

If you are funding your child's studies you must pay a deposit of £5,500 before they can get an unconditional offer; and you must arrange payment of the remainder of the tuition fees during registration.

You have the option to pay the tuition fees in full and receive a 3% discount, or you can pay in five instalments (starting the month after the course commencement date).

For further information on fees and funding visit salford.ac.uk/international/fees

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 for sponsored students).

Cost of living

Manchester and Salford are both cheaper to live in compared to other cities in the south of England, such as London. You'll find a guide to living costs [from askUS](#).

Additional support

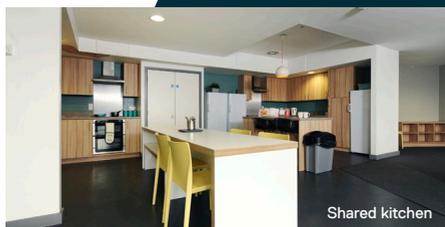
Our student support service, [askUS](#), offers information and advice to help students manage their finances. This includes advice for budgeting, bank accounts and working in the UK. [askUS](#) is available to support them at any time, throughout their journey to Salford and after they enrol as a student.

ACCOMMODATION AT SALFORD



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. For full details of our CLV accommodation, visit campuslivingvillages.co.uk/salford



Shared kitchen



Social space

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.

askUS also provides resources to support students to [find private accommodation](#).



Communal area

GETTING SETTLED IN

The climate

The weather in the UK is temperate but can be quite changeable. Where we are situated, in the North West of England, we tend to have quite high levels of rainfall, as we are surrounded by gorgeous mountainous areas. It is a good idea to bring a raincoat, and some long-sleeved clothing which can be used to layer up as well as a hat and gloves for the winter months. We do get lots of nice sunny days too so it's a good idea to bring t-shirts, which are useful all year round, as most indoor places have heating (but not always air-conditioning).

Welcome and induction

We organise exciting welcome events to help our new students settle into university life and make friends, including a regular International Cafe event where students can relax and enjoy activities such as table tennis, pool, movies, guest speakers, workshops and much more. We also hold inductions so that students can meet their lecturers and others on their course before teaching starts, to help get them prepared. We will share lots of useful information with confirmed students ahead of the course start date, about what they can expect in their first few weeks and what they need to prepare for their arrival.

Hear from our current students

Our current international students share lots of advice about their experience at Salford including settling into studies, choosing suitable accommodation and much more on our [Made in Salford blog](#) and also on our [Podcast International Insights](#).



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Our recruitment team is here to assist students throughout the application process. They can be contacted by email: enquiries@salford.ac.uk or by phone: **+44 (0)161 295 4545**.

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.

salford.ac.uk/international