

TAKE THE NEXT STEP

BE THE FIRST IN YOUR FAMILY TO GO TO UNIVERSITY

First Generation Scholarship Programme

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First Generation Scholarship Programme

- University's flagship Widening Participation initiative
- A whole student life-cycle approach to widening participation starting in Year 12
- Provides pre-entry support to help access University
- Those who continue to Manchester Met receive financial, professional and personal support throughout their studies
- Helping to break down barriers before, during, and after university

Pre-entry Phase

- Summer University Taster
- Application guidance and support
- Development sessions (incl. personal statements, finance, exam support)

On-Course at Manchester Met

- ‘Transitioning to University’ event
- £1000 scholarship – first year
- London Residential
- Tailored networking opportunities and employability support
- Opportunity to become a Student Ambassador
- Professional Mentoring plus much more...



Response to Covid

- **Adding new activities** – Confidence, Managing Motivation & Coping with Self Isolation, and regular social events
- **Online Employer Networking Programme**
 - Engaging Alumni/employers through a range of activity
 - Activity spread over a couple of weeks
 - Using a professional platform to replicate the professional environment
 - Retaining cultural elements

Providing Work Experience

- Student Ambassadors –
Event support
- Creating videos
- Student-led activity
- Podcast Interviews
- NCSC Internships
- Link to RISE (Employability Award)

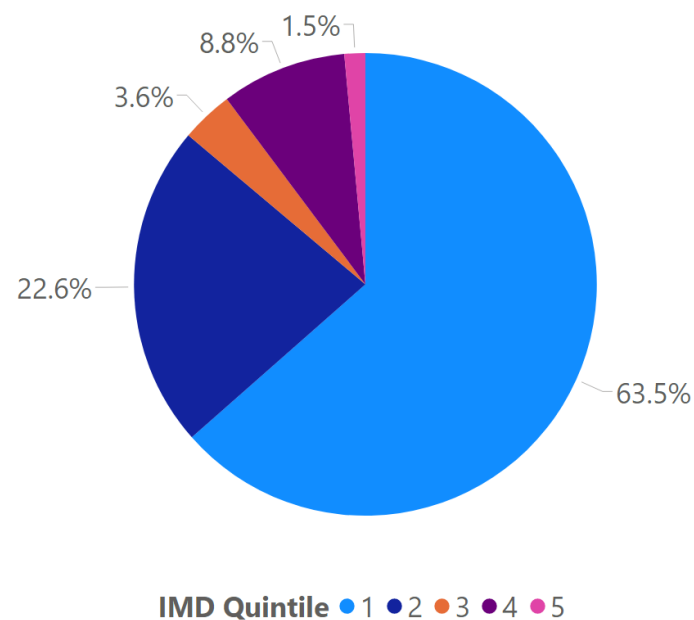
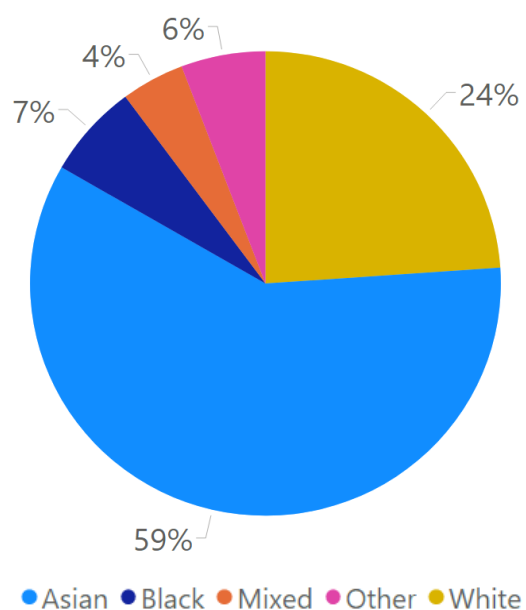


Student Numbers

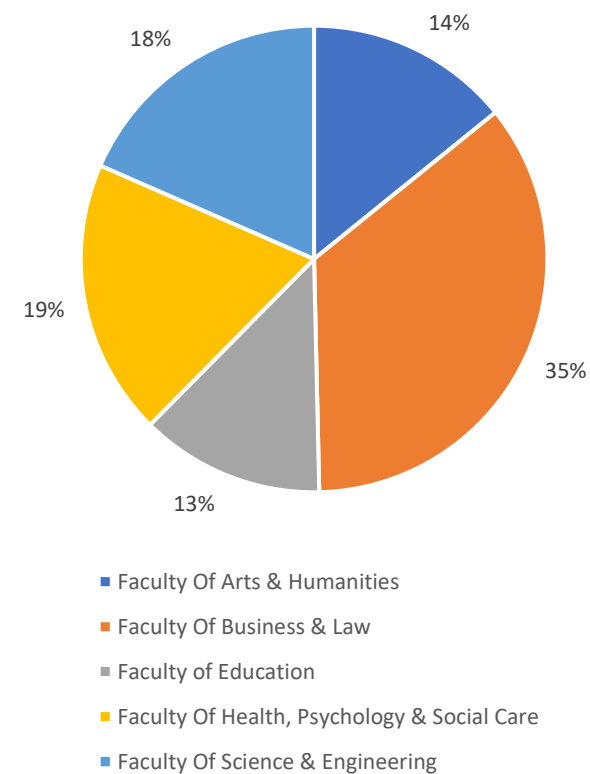
We currently have the following number of students on the programme:

- Year 13 – 277
- 2020 Entry – 141 students
- 2019 Entry – 86 students
- 2018 Entry – 56

Demographics – 2020 Entry Cohort



Faculty Spread - 2020 Entry



Feedback

- 99% of students told us they felt ‘very positive’ or ‘positive’ about being on the First Generation Programme*
- 98% of students felt more confident about making decisions about their future*

“First Generation has helped me become a more sociable and interactive person.”

“First Generation really helped me find my feet before attending university.”

“Made me 100% sure that university is for me.”

* Following our Summer University Taster event

Progression

	2018 First Gen Cohort %	2019 First Gen Cohort %	All students %
Level 3 to Level 4			
Progressed		88.9%	82.9%
Did not progress		11.1%	17.1%
Level 4 to Level 5			
Progressed	92.3%	88.0%	87.4%
Did not progress	7.7%	12.0%	12.6%
Level 5 to Level 6			
Progressed	95.6%		94.3%
Did not progress	4.4%		5.7%

Looking Forward

- Aim to recruit 1000 students by 2025
- Provisional target of 300 University entrants per year by 2030
- Expanding outside Greater Manchester
- Blended approach to delivery

Lessons Learnt

- Takes time to establish the reputation of a scheme
- Female students far more likely to engage
- Without reduced offers more difficult to engage some learners
- ‘First Generation’ has a correlation with other WP indicators – but (like POLAR) can lead to anomalies
- Our students are our greatest ambassadors

Hear from one of our students...

Shuab Gamote

- The First Generation Scholarship Programme was the reason I enrolled at Man Met
- The Programme gave me the confidence to make the most out of my University experience
- Support network increased my sense of belonging

Q & A