

# The University of Manchester School of Physics and Astronomy student profiles



## RIEUL GENDRON

The University of Manchester was my first choice because I knew it is at the forefront of astronomy research, and that's something I've been interested in

my whole life. Also, the undergraduate prospectus gave me an excellent idea about the Physics course and the large variety of options I could choose from, as well as what student life is like in Manchester and where I could go for help.

I'm at the end of my first year now. Coming from the Seychelles, life is very different here. The University has excellent facilities to help international students settle in. The School of Physics and Astronomy provided me with a mentor as well, which made it even easier. The lecturers always make time for my questions and there are tutorials and workshops to guide us outside of lectures, so I feel like I've had guidance and support from the very beginning. I was surprised when I won one of the Faculty's International Excellence Undergraduate Scholarships this year!

There is so much to do in Manchester. It's a city for everyone. You can find many types of restaurants, science museums, sports facilities, clubs, societies, etc. My life has definitely become a lot richer and fuller since I've come to study here.



## PHIL BULL

Choosing to study physics at Manchester was one of the best decisions I ever made. Physics is as rewarding as it is challenging, and I honestly think that there's no better place to study it than here.

The School of Physics certainly lives up to its reputation. Many of the lecturers here are involved in front-line research and they're more than happy to share the details of their work with you. I've found that their lectures, combined with weekly workshops



## CLAIRE BURKE

I love being a student at The University of Manchester and chose to come here first because of the exemplary Physics BSc degree course, which covers all the topics that interest me, including modern physics, such as relativity and quantum mechanics. The University facilities are excellent and the School of Physics and Astronomy has links with other major research centres, such as Jodrell Bank and CERN, so the teaching is always up-to-date. As a prospective student, I found the friendly academic staff very helpful and informative and I still find that the students are well looked after by tutors and mentors.

Apart from the academic side, Manchester is a great city with the largest student population in the country, meaning that student deals are everywhere. Manchester is a great place for a cheap night out, and the Students' Union caters to just about any other activity that you may want to do with your spare time. Since Manchester is a city university, the halls of residence are only a short distance from the University and the centre of town, so it is very easy to get around.

When I finish my degree, I plan to stay and do further study, and hopefully do research in astrophysics.

and lab sessions, have delivered a wide range of interesting and fundamental physics knowledge.

The University offers a wide range of scholarships and bursaries too, and I was lucky enough to receive the President's Award, worth £10,000 a year!

Since coming to Manchester, I've made lots of great friends, been to plenty of gigs, sampled my fair share of pubs, bars and restaurants, and I still feel that I've only seen a fraction of what this city has to offer. Even four years here won't be enough!

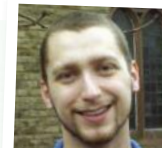


## LORA IOANNOU

Everyone says that the best years of your life are those that you spend studying at university. Finishing the third year of my undergraduate degree at The University of Manchester, I can assure you that this is not a lie. Manchester provides everything one could ask for – a strong and recognisable degree and a once-in-a-lifetime student life experience.

When choosing The University of Manchester, I mainly had in mind the excellent educational standards and the opportunity to achieve a degree with a high reputation throughout the world. Studying for a physics degree here is definitely an advantage due to the excellent academics and, of course, the facilities of the School.

Living here, you have the opportunity to experience both the vibrant Manchester city, as well as the charms of a university campus. It would be unjust not to mention the variety of clubs, bars, pubs and restaurants that can be found here, ready to satisfy every taste, from a quiet meal to a big night out. What I personally appreciate most in Manchester is the multicultural nature of the city, which is ideal to help an international student such as myself feel at home.



## PETER MILLINGTON

Since arriving in Manchester to study physics, I haven't looked back. The University and, in particular, the School of Physics and Astronomy have fantastic reputations for both teaching and research. The course was an even mixture of theory and practical work and, with resources such as the Jodrell Bank Observatory in Cheshire, it had to be top on my list. Most importantly, however, it was obvious that the staff in the School cared a great deal about their students – a first impression that couldn't have been more right.

Manchester had everything I could ask for: the city is big, but it doesn't feel impersonal; there's music everywhere; and if you think you've done, seen and eaten everything, then you haven't looked hard enough. Manchester and this University have so much on offer; I am busy every second, doing loads of different things from playing with liquid helium, to directing a gospel choir... and I wouldn't have it any other way.

## SOPHIE MORTON

I chose to come to Manchester as I wanted to have the opportunity to study abroad, and the Physics with Study in Europe course has given me the chance to do that.

My physics teacher at school had recommended it as one of the best universities for physics, and I had the choice of several continental universities at which to study in my third year.

I also wanted to go to university in a big city with a good nightlife and lots of things to do outside of academic work, and from previous visits to Manchester I decided it was a great place to be a student.

I love the social aspect of Manchester; with the numerous societies, there is one to suit everybody. The nightlife is great and there are lots of good places to eat out, especially the Curry Mile and Chinatown.

Since university, I have been offered a graduate position with Airbus Industries in Bristol in Structures Engineering.

