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Message from the Founding Director

Randa Bessiso, Founding Director, Middle East, The University of Manchester – Dubai



It is my pleasure to introduce The University of Manchester–Dubai's Annual Alumni Book 2025 and to celebrate our amazing regional community of students and alumni. On behalf of the whole team at the University's Middle East branch in Dubai, it is also my privilege to welcome you to our social highlight of the year – the Annual Students and Alumni Gala Dinner.

It's always good to be among friends, colleagues, and our community of students and alumni, and the Gala is an opportunity to start new friendships as well as rekindle older ones. No matter where you are living and working in the region, we value your dedication and contribution to our shared community.

The last 12 months have been packed with intense activity and significant developments and I will highlight just a few here. The most obvious will be our new Middle East branch status and the adoption of our new title - The University of Manchester-Dubai.

More significant are the underlying developments that benefit all students and alumni. In April, we were awarded Institutional Licensure by the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research in the UAE and accreditation of all our academic programmes by The Commission for Academic Accreditation (CAA) in the UAE. These developments will make an impact and a difference to many who are building long term careers in the region, in the public or private sectors.

We have also announced the appointment of our first Dubai-based faculty. They are already familiar names and faces to many of you, through their roles as senior alumni ambassadors and adjunct faculty. Dr. Nada Jammoul Messaikeh was appointed Senior Lecturer- Management and Organisational Studies and Associate Director of Research. We also announced Dr. Amin El-Kholy as our first Senior Lecturer - Financial Decision Making & Associate Director of Teaching and Learning. These are ground-breaking appointments that mark a significant development in the University's capabilities in the region. I am sure we all welcome Nada and Amin, as two exceptional professionals who have also supported the University in many different roles, over many years. They are 'Manchester people'.

Our regional student and alumni community grows – and grows stronger - every year with the admission of diverse cohorts of exceptional new students across all our programmes. We are very pleased that the Manchester Global Part-time MBA continues to attract top candidates. The January and July 2025 GMBA cohorts were especially notable for the largest ratio of female students (July) that we have ever enrolled in the Middle East, since our foundation in 2006. The diversity of our community is a great strength and every new member enriches the whole group with experience and expertise, refreshing and re-invigorating the community. Many of the new students join us because they see the qualities and achievements of our alumni and we are always very grateful for your personal recommendations, which are so influential.

Meanwhile, alongside our regional community, we also have a growing group of partners – corporate, professional, and social responsibility- each of which adds a unique component to the experience of all our students and alumni. They also benefit from access to your community - as high potential employment candidates and professional networking contacts. Over the last year, we have welcomed new partners and renewed others including Alcatel-Lucent Enterprise, delivering digital age networking, communications and cloud solutions; stc Group - a leading digital enabler and telecom leader based in Saudi Arabia; and the British Chamber of Commerce Dubai – BCCD, a not-for-profit Chamber supporting a diverse and growing British business community.

We are increasingly active with our partners in social responsibility with the opportunities this brings to the community to engage, support and volunteer. Here are some of the social responsibility activities we did this year.

The Dubai Cares 'Adopt a School' programme has been very successful and following the achievement of our fundraising target, the school building was completed and has welcomed its first pupils. 314 students (173 boys and 141 girls) aged 6–16 are attending classes with 17 teachers guiding them through nine different grade levels. This school represents community strength, dedication, and a brighter future for Jhil's children.

Our Annual Ramadan Suhoor 2025 was another highlight of the year. The gathering was a celebration of generosity and togetherness, made truly memorable by the presence of our students, alumni, and cherished social responsibility partners. We were inspired by the heartfelt stories shared by Senses Residential and Day Care for Special Needs and The Sparkle Foundation, a non-profit organisation that works primarily in Malawi to support vulnerable children, women, and communities. We are also proud to support Emirates Red Crescent (ERC) initiatives and invite our community to continue making a meaningful impact by joining hands with these causes.

During Ramadan 2025 our students, alumni, and staff also united to distribute 200 Iftar meals to blue-collar workers, a simple yet powerful gesture of care and solidarity that reflects our commitment to social responsibility, one of the three core pillars of The University of Manchester.

In Cairo, we extended our social responsibility outreach with a visit to the Children's Cancer Hospital Egypt 57357. Spending time with the children, distributing gifts, and listening to their inspiring stories was a humbling reminder of the importance of standing beside those who face life's toughest challenges with courage. This special day gave us the opportunity to share hope, encouragement, and humanity values that lie at the heart of our university.

In Jeddah, we invited our students and alumni to take part in a special social responsibility activity at The House Of Souvenirs, focused on building handicrafts and supporting local causes through their purchase. This initiative was a great opportunity to contribute to the community while reconnecting and networking with fellow alumni, combining impact with the spirit of togetherness.

The University of Manchester continues to take increasing interest in the region and our community and this is clearly visible in the growing number of senior level visits we are hosting. This will continue and we especially look forward to welcoming our new President and Vice-Chancellor, Professor Duncan Ivison, who will make his first visit to the UAE in November, to coincide with our annual Graduation Celebration.

Our brilliant Middle East branch team is spending more time on the road visiting countries across the region and connecting with students, alumni and partners locally, often with the support of our extraordinary faculty who may also deliver a masterclass and help the community to network around these events. We know that this face-to-face contact is highly valued and we try to cover as much ground as we can, even as our community continues to grow.

There is nothing more rewarding, inspiring and satisfying in our work than learning more about what our graduates have gone on to achieve in their careers – as corporate leaders or entrepreneurs, social or community supporters and leaders. We are really thankful that so many of our alumni maintain a close relationship with the branch and the regional community.

As you can see from the example of our first Dubai-based faculty appointments, some alumni maintain a very close working relationship with the branch as Teaching Assistants or Adjunct Faculty, supporting and leading the learning journey of other students. The collective impact of this community – your community – is remarkable and you can see many examples and stories in our 'I Am Impactful' stories. Please do continue to share these with us, so we can share them with everyone.

Our regional community is in very good shape and I would like to thank my team for all their energy, enthusiasm and commitment, and to our faculty, who regularly make time to support us and share their experience and expertise with the rest of our regional community. Every corporate and social responsibility partner helps enrich our community and we are grateful to them all.

Most importantly, thank you for your continued trust, support and friendship – and I encourage you all to keep making a difference and sharing the results.

Randa Bessiso, Founding Director, Middle East, The University of Manchester – Dubai

Message from The University of Manchester – Dubai Team

The Annual Student and Alumni Dinner is the social highlight of the year and our way of celebrating your success and achievements. At this annual social occasion, we acknowledge and recognise the contributions you have made to The University of Manchester, The University of Manchester–Dubai and the regional community as a whole. It's a collective celebration.

The Gala is also an opportunity for us to welcome all our new part-time master's students. Over the last 12 months, many very high calibre professionals have chosen to join us and each one will help enrich our community. Many of them already hold master's degrees, are building successful careers, and hold senior leadership positions.

We are delighted that our community of students is growing right across our portfolio of Global Part-time MBA, MSc Financial Management and MA Educational Leadership in Practice programmes.

Of course, we also continue to grow our regional community of corporate partners and social responsibility partners, who all contribute to our shared experience and support many of our events through the year (including our Gala) and we are very grateful to each of them.

Today, The University of Manchester–Dubai, the Middle East branch of the University, continues to be the largest and fastest growing in the University's international network of centres and one of the main reasons for our success is the quality of our students and alumni, and the active support of our diverse regional community.

We are committed to supporting each and every one of you through your learning journey and following your personal career path, and wherever you are based in the region, we look forward to meeting you in person very soon.

Thank you for your continuous support and commitment to The University of Manchester and the University's Middle East branch in Dubai.

The University of Manchester - Dubai Team

The Manchester Alumni Network

A powerful force for good

The strength of The University of Manchester's alumni network is its size, its commitment to supporting the Manchester family and its shared sense of purpose. It is the largest network of any campus-based University in the UK. In 2025 it has over 550,000 alumni in almost every country in the world. The number grows every year with each graduating class. It has an incredible diversity of talent, skills and professional expertise. Manchester graduates enter almost every kind of industry and profession available. Most importantly, though, is the sense of responsibility alumni share. Alumni give their time to support fellow alumni, future generations of students and the communities they live in. Thousands of alumni give their time every year and we invite you to be an active member of this network.

Be an ambassador for the University

Wherever you go - you are a representative of the University. You may have colleagues, friends and family considering higher study. Whether it is for a first degree or a professional master's, you will have opportunities to help make others aware of what Manchester has to offer and how it has benefited you. You can also help us speak to prospective students who are based in your region, or who are interested in the same course. Your experience of studying at Manchester is invaluable to anyone who is weighing the big decision of choosing which university to go to. Our teams are running programmes to help guide prospective students in choosing Manchester. The voices of alumni like you are an invaluable part of this conversation. Alumni also say it is a very rewarding experience to help prospective students in this way.

Be an alumni Contact

Our global community is built on the network of international alumni Contacts and Groups. These are points of connection in cities worldwide where alumni can find each other. They are run by alumni volunteers, acting as a contact, organising local groups. If you can help, get in touch and join a team near you, or establish a new group if there isn't one already. To all of our alumni contacts already working to keep the network connected: we say a huge thank you. Find an alumni contact near you: your.manchester.ac.uk/get-involved/global-networks and email: alumni.me@manchester.ac.uk

Speak at events

We are always looking for interesting speakers who can illuminate subjects of interest. If you would like to help in this way, get in touch.

For more information on any of this, please visit your.manchester.ac.uk or contact alumni.me@manchester.ac.uk

Alumni Ambassadors 2024



Dr. Mouza Mohammed Al Ameri

SEHA Tawam Hospital
Breast Oncoplastic Surgeon



Fatma Al Hammadi

Manager, Commercial Transport
Development Department
Roads & Transport Authority – RTA,
Dubai



Dr. Yasmine Maher Ahmed

CEO Radiology
SEHA HQ



Dr. Ahmed Eissa

Group CEO
Saudi German Hospital, Dubai



Jennifer Durston

MA ELip FCCT
Middle Years Programme Coordinator
North London Collegiate School,
Dubai



Harriet de Morton

SASE Sales Manager,
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Hewlett-Packard Enterprises



Dr. Tariq Al Thobiti

Emergency Medicine / Pediatric
Emergency Medicine Consultant
King Saud University –
Medical City



Fatma Al Maawali

Chief Accountant
Petroleum Development Oman



Sami Yousif

Director General
National Medical Care



Mohamed Ahmadi

Professional Standards and Careers
Director
TAMKEEN

Alumni Spotlight



Abdulhadi Al-Thawadi

**Vice President of the Vision Realization Office
Ministry of Industry and Mineral Resources, Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia**

Abdulhadi Al-Thawadi has one of the most demanding public sector roles in the dynamic economy of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. As VISION 2030 continues to transform the Kingdom, it's clear that those leaders responsible for bringing to life – and delivering – the Vision are central to its success.

In one of the country's key strategic Ministries – the Ministry of Industry and Mineral Resources – Abdulhadi holds the position of Vice President of Vision Realization Office, which places him firmly at the heart of the action with the clear responsibility for ensuring the alignment of the Ministry's strategy with the Kingdom's VISION 2030 and supervising its execution.

Rebecca King

Director, Project Implementation – NEOM Operations, Saudi Arabia

Rebecca has followed a unique career path to her current position, working in a senior role on one of the region's—and the world's—most iconic real estate development and construction projects. She has extensive experience in engineering project work and is a highly qualified professional in both engineering and leadership.

The MBA provided an opportunity to explore business beyond its technical aspects while also supporting her personal and professional development. Her MBA journey had notable milestones—not only earning a Distinction but also receiving the Best Student Award for achieving the highest individual mark. Additionally, she delivered the graduation address, representing her class at the Middle East graduation celebration, where she spoke eloquently about overcoming self-doubt to complete the programme successfully.



Khalid Al Omran Al Qubaisi

Founder and CEO of TTS Consulting, Qatar

Khalid Al Omran Al Qubaisi is the founder and CEO of TTS Consulting, which he established to support new startups and help existing businesses thrive, in the State of Qatar. The company provides business intelligence and support services – including advisory services in management, economic, commercial and project management – to businesses across industry verticals from its corporate headquarters in Lusail. He set up the company in 2020, after completing the Global Part-time MBA (GMB). Prior to this, Khalid had already gained substantial leadership experience in senior HR and general management roles with leading companies in Qatar, including QIA (Qatar Investment Authority) and Ooredoo.

In 2023, Khalid took on an additional role as Management Consultant at Qatar Charity, where he uses his diverse range of skills and experience as Head of Tendering Committee and Head of Strategy Office. Qatar Charity is a non-governmental organisation founded in 1992 to help address the most important development and humanitarian challenges faced by vulnerable communities around the world. Initially founded to provide life-saving assistance to children affected by conflicts or natural disasters, Qatar Charity then expanded its areas of expertise to include various humanitarian and development aid fields, providing relief and assistance to more than 110 million beneficiaries worldwide.

Sarah Li

Events Sales Manager - Emirates Palace Mandarin Oriental, Abu Dhabi, UAE

Sarah is consistently ranked as the top sales performer, specialising in high-end client relationship management, luxury event planning, and revenue maximisation. She studied in Switzerland before coming to the UAE but her interest in The University of Manchester goes back to her days as a young tourist when she visited the university. She applied to join the Manchester Global Part-time MBA but was initially deemed ineligible because of her age.

As a Chinese national working for a western luxury hospitality brand in the Middle East, she frequently references the importance of culture in relation to her work experience at the interface between cultures (where multinational clients and governments meet), as well as her multicultural MBA study experience. In her own substantial travel experience – she has visited over 111 countries – she emphasises the benefits of travelling mindfully and remaining open to local cultural influences and learning from them.





Israa Osman

Co-Founder and Educational Services Manager at Teach-O-Gen, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

Manchester Educational Leadership in Practice (ELiP) Alumna, Israa Osman is on a mission - to inspire, empower, and support Leaders, teachers and learners to achieve their full potential and make a positive impact on the world. Her own ELiP learning experience has opened professional and entrepreneurial opportunities and she has quickly applied her learning into her company's professional development programmes, for the benefit of clients.

Teach-O-Gen provides edtech solutions and creates sustainable partnerships with educational institutes nationally and internationally. With over sixteen years of experience in the education sector, Israa has a strong background in entrepreneurship, educational leadership and professional development.

She is also the author of various articles published in international blogs and journals, in which she shares her insights and reflections on topics related to education management and edtech, such as leadership, curriculum development, assessment, pedagogy, and innovation. Israa's mission is clear and she is well on her way to achieving it. Here she shares more about her journey.

"Selecting the Manchester MA in Educational Leadership (ELiP) was a carefully considered decision. I sought a programme that combined rigorous academic study with practical leadership skills tailored to the evolving landscape of education. Manchester's reputation for excellence, the innovative curriculum, and the focus on leadership in diverse educational settings resonated strongly with my aspirations. The ELiP programme's emphasis on innovation and real-world application made it stand out as the ideal choice to deepen my understanding and enhance my ability to lead meaningful change in education."

Mohamed Elzomor

Senior Director CEEMETA for Dell Technologies, and GM at Dell Technologies, Egypt

In his role as the Senior Director CEEMETA at Dell Technologies, Mohamed leads a team focused on building customer data strategy through AI adoption. He describes himself as a purpose-driven business leader with over 22 years of experience in the IT industry, leading high-impact teams and driving growth across emerging markets. In addition to his regional role, he also serves as the General Manager & Managing Director for Dell Technologies in Egypt, where he oversees operations, talent development, and strategic growth initiatives in one of the region's most dynamic markets.

Mohamed joined Dell Technologies 16 years ago, well before starting my Global MBA journey, in 2021. The decision to pursue the MBA came at a pivotal moment — as I transitioned from a technical presales leadership role into the early stages of a sales leadership career. I knew I needed to broaden my strategic, commercial, and leadership capabilities to succeed in this new direction. The GMBA provided the right structure and global perspective to support that growth." He's also a committed lifelong learner currently preparing to pursue a DBA degree and is a dedicated sportsman with a strong team ethos.

"Leadership, to me, is about people. The MBA reinforced the importance of empathy, agility, and purposeful decision-making. It also helped me appreciate how essential it is to continuously invest in personal development - especially as we navigate the rapid evolution of technologies like AI."



Would you like your story to be featured?
We would love to hear from you!

Share your interest with us at
alumni.me@manchester.ac.uk and be part of our
future **Alumni Spotlights**.

Click here to Meet the Alumni:
www.manchester.ac.uk/alumni/alumni-spotlight

Annual CareerConnect 2025

The University of Manchester-Dubai hosted its Annual CareerConnect event on 2nd May 2025, bringing together leading corporations, including:

- Abdul Latif Jameel
- Accenture Middle East
- Chalhoub Group
- Emirates Group
- GEMS Education
- Hewlett-Packard Middle East FZ-LLC
- Inspire Selection
- L'Oréal
- LinkedIn
- Majid Al Futtaim
- Stanton Chase
- and more.

The event featured interactive discussions on the future of work and essential skills, including the impact of AI on the workplace and recruitment landscape. Attendees also had the opportunity to network with corporate representatives, enabling students and alumni to explore career prospects and professional pathways.





Manchester MentorME Programme

At The University of Manchester - Dubai, we believe that learning extends far beyond the classroom. The Manchester MentorME Programme continues to be a powerful platform for connecting students and alumni, fostering meaningful mentoring relationships that inspire personal and professional growth.

The Manchester MentorME Programme started in 2023 and has delivered five mentorship cohorts, engaging 116 mentors and 121 mentees. The programme has consistently demonstrated strong impact across cohorts, with mentees benefiting from their mentoring relationships and mentors recognizing meaningful growth in their mentees.

These numbers reflect more than just participation, they represent real stories of guidance, collaboration, and transformation. With each cohort, our alumni and students continue to shape a culture of lifelong learning and leadership, making Manchester MentorME Programme a cornerstone of the Manchester experience in Dubai for its students and alumni.

Mentors Voices:

Celebrating our most engaged mentors from the Manchester MentorME Programme, this section showcases mentors' reflections, insights, and experiences. Their dedication to guiding and inspiring mentees highlights the power of connection, collaboration, and lifelong learning within our Manchester community.



Dr. Hany Mourad Gerges PhD, MBA, BSc Mech. Eng.

Chief Executive Officer
AEON International Gulf

The MentorME Programme has been an enriching journey, offering the opportunity to both give back and grow personally. Mentorship is a two-way exchange where sharing knowledge, experiences, and insights also brings new learning and perspectives. Supporting mentees as they navigate their ambitions has been truly fulfilling, and it has strengthened my sense of connection to the Manchester community.



Khaled Khedr

Founder & Managing Director
Namaa Global – HR & Business Consulting

Being part of the MentorME Programme has been a deeply rewarding experience. Mentorship is not only about guiding but also about learning from the aspirations and perspectives of others. It has been inspiring to support talented mentees and contribute to their growth while strengthening the values of the Manchester community.



Marco Fornier

Sales Consultant
The Academy for Sales

I've been a mentor for the past three sessions of UoM Mentorship program, and it has been a blessing. I have received so much from UoM, knowledge, critical thinking approach, energy, and the mission of the programme is to give back. But while you are doing that, you are also learning so much from the mentees!



Marie Therese Salame

Communication Director
LebNet

MentorMe is a great mentoring platform for mentors and mentees. It delivers an intuitive and seamless experience. I like that navigation is easy, with clear tools to create connections. Its design is very responsive and is accessible from any device. With the help of the admin, I felt supported, engaged, and empowered through reminders and guided interactions. MentorMe creates a rewarding journey of collaboration and impact for all users.


Marwan Robert Midani

Chairman
TAKANAT

MentorME has been an enriching platform, offering me the privilege to guide diverse UoM students. Witnessing their growth, evolving mindsets, and clarity in life goals across careers, education, and beyond was deeply rewarding. This journey wasn't just transformative for them; I too learned, grew, and found immense fulfillment in my mentoring role.


Mostafa Sadek

Corporate Banking Director
Commercial International Bank (CIB)

After graduating from the Global MBA in June 2023, I was honoured to join the Manchester Mentor Me programme. From the first meeting, I saw its immense value for both mentees and mentors, enriched by diverse experiences and perspectives.

I've since become a regular mentor, embracing the role with purpose. The experience deepened my interest in mentorship, inspiring me to learn and engage more intentionally. I now view it as a powerful tool for mutual growth, connection, and lifelong learning.


Nivin Abu Snaineh

Head of Wealth Management
INVESTBANK (Jordan)

MentorME showed me that growth is never a solo journey. Mentees' resilience and ambition inspired me as much as I guided them. Every connection became a spark forming friendships, strengthening communities, and proving that success truly multiplies when we lift others. Mentorship creates impact that is shared, compounding, enduring, and lasting.


Zahi El Chaar

Sales Country Manager (Chevrolet & GMC)
General Motors

Being a mentor on MentorME platform, has been an incredibly rewarding experience, sharing knowledge, guiding others, and witnessing their growth has inspired me as much as I hope I've inspired them.

Annual Students and Alumni Gala Dinner 2024 – Past, Present & Future

The University of Manchester - Dubai hosted its Annual Students & Alumni Gala Dinner on 26 September 2024, celebrating the theme “Past, Present & Future.”

The evening brought together students, alumni, and their guests for a memorable night of connection and celebration. Highlights included live entertainment, interactive trivia, a “best dressed” competition, and plenty of prizes. A big thank you to our students, alumni, and friends who joined us, we look forward to creating more memories together in the years ahead.



Graduation Celebration 2024

The University of Manchester – Dubai proudly hosted its Graduation Ceremony on 21 November 2024, celebrating the achievements of our graduating students. The event was honoured by the presence of Professor Kenneth McPhail, Head of School, AMBS, Dr. Naji Al Mahdi, Chief of Qualifications and Awards for Dubai at the Knowledge & Human Development Authority, and Alison Hall, Deputy Consul General Dubai at the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office.

It was a day of pride, achievement, and celebration as graduates, their families, and faculty came together to mark this important milestone in their academic journey.



Careers and Industry Speaker Sessions



AI & Skill Change by Prof. Reza Salehnejad,
Senior Lecturer (Associate Prof.), Economics, Digital Economy,
AI & Strategy, Alliance Manchester Business School - UK



Navigating Economic Turbulence by Dr. Gordon Mayze,
Lecturer Global MBA
Alliance Manchester Business School - UK



Future Educational Leaders Forum



Entrepreneurship & Innovation by Leigh Wharton, in Dubai,
Global MBA Project Convenor & Module Co-ordinator,
Alliance Manchester Business School - UK



Executive Insights by Leigh Wharton, in Oman
Global MBA Project Convenor &
Module Co-ordinator
Alliance Manchester Business School - UK



How to Make Smart Investments by
Dr. Arif Khurshed, Professor of Finance,
The University of Manchester - UK



Practical Investing & Trading by
Patricia Perlman-Dee, Professor of Finance, Alliance
Manchester Business School - UK



Future-Fit Leadership Accelerating Talent,
Innovation, and Impact, by Dr. Nada Jammoul Messaïkeh,
Senior Lecturer & Associate Director of Research, The
University of Manchester - Dubai



Opportunities & Challenges of Human-AI Collaboration by
Dr. Julia Handl, Professor in Decision Sciences, Alliance
Manchester Business School - UK



Careers in Consulting: An Insider's Perspective from EY by
Kawther Haciane, Digital Risk Lead Partner MENA, EY



Beyond Business, Beyond the Classroom, at UOM-Dubai
Alumni Speakers: Nivin Abu Snaineh, Dr. Hany Mourad Gerges,
Abdulhadi Al-Thawadi, Chantelle Asante, Dr. Amin El Kholy



Exploring Opportunities in the Startup
Ecosystem
by Dr. Bhaskar Gupta,
Chairman, Middle East Stablecoin Association,
Non Executive Board Director & Chair of ARC
Committee,
Cohesion Asset Management Limited.

Social Responsibility

At The University of Manchester – Dubai, social responsibility is one of our core values, shaping the way we engage with the world. The University of Manchester – Dubai embraces this commitment by actively leading and participating in a wide range of initiatives that create a positive and lasting impact on society.

Our efforts extend beyond the classroom, reflecting our belief that education should be a force for good. Through strategic partnerships, volunteering opportunities, sustainability projects, and community outreach programmes, we work together with local and regional stakeholders to address pressing social challenges. These initiatives not only support the well-being of the communities we serve but also provide our students and alumni with opportunities to contribute meaningfully, develop a deeper sense of civic responsibility, and strengthen their leadership skills.



Mangrove Tree Planting

On 13 December 2024, the University of Manchester – Dubai partnered with the Emirates Marine Environmental Group (EMEG) for a mangrove tree planting initiative. Students and alumni participated in this impactful activity, supporting marine biodiversity, promoting sustainability, and reinforcing the University's commitment to environmental responsibility in the UAE.

www.ecomatcher.com/emeg



200 Iftar Meals Distribution

On 16 March 2025, the University of Manchester – Dubai organised a Ramadan initiative to distribute 200 Iftar meals to those in need. This act of kindness reflected the spirit of giving during the holy month and highlighted the Dubai branch's ongoing commitment to community support and social responsibility.



Volunteering at Senses Residential and Day Care

On 22 March 2025, students and alumni from the University of Manchester – Dubai volunteered at Senses Residential and Day Care. Engaging with children of determination through interactive activities, the initiative fostered compassion, inclusion, and community connection, while reinforcing the University's dedication to meaningful social impact and responsibility.

www.sensescenter.ae



In Cairo, we extended our social responsibility outreach with a visit to the Children's Cancer Hospital Egypt 57357, where we spent time with the children, shared gifts, and drew inspiration from their stories, a heartfelt reminder of the values of hope, courage, and compassion at the core of our university.

www.57357.org/en



In Jeddah, our students and alumni joined a social responsibility activity at The House of Souvenirs, supporting local causes through handcrafted purchases while reconnecting and celebrating culture and community.

Ramadan 2025 Suhoor

The University of Manchester – Dubai hosted a special Suhoor gathering during the holy month of Ramadan, bringing together students, alumni, and faculty in a spirit of unity and reflection. The event celebrated cultural traditions while strengthening bonds within the University community.

Guests enjoyed a traditional Suhoor meal in a warm and welcoming atmosphere, fostering meaningful conversations, new connections, and opportunities for alumni to share their professional journeys with current students. The evening also highlighted the values of inclusivity and mutual support, reinforcing the University's commitment to nurturing a lifelong community beyond the classroom.

This Suhoor not only deepened cultural appreciation but also created a platform for cross-generational engagement, leaving a lasting impact on the sense of belonging among the Manchester community in Dubai and beyond.





Student Referral Programme



BeeKind, Beelnspired, BeetheChange, BeeManchester! Refer a friend, colleague or family member to any of our programmes and they can avail a 10% discount on their tuition fees, and you will also be rewarded!

Get in touch with one of our counsellors to learn more.
www.manchester.ac.ae/refer

Alumni Feedback Survey



The University of Manchester is committed to maintaining the highest standards of education and continuously improving the student and alumni experience.

This survey is designed to capture your feedback on how your studies have supported your career, personal development, and overall experience. Your responses will help us strengthen our Programmes and support future graduates.

The survey will take approximately 3–5 minutes.

Keep in touch!

Connect

We want to celebrate your life and success after graduation. Please take the time to share your recent accomplishments, career updates and contact information at: alumni.me@manchester.ac.uk

Engage

Join us for virtual and in-person events and participate at our Social Responsibility initiatives. Keep your contact information up-to-date so you don't miss anything.

Reach Out

To Career Services. Need help with reviewing your resume, interviewing, or transitioning to a new career field? Our careers team would love to help.

Refer a Friend

Some of the best referrals of prospective students come from our alumni. Learn more about our Student Referral Programme at: <https://www.manchester.ac.ae/study/studentreferral-programme>.

Stay connected!

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