Gateway PhD Program
with Manchester Metropolitan University



The **Gateway PhD** program is a unique doctoral degree program that spans two continents through a partnership between the San José State University School of Information in California, United States and Manchester Metropolitan University in Manchester, England. No matter where you live, you can reap the benefits of a European-model doctoral program and focus on your research studies from the very beginning.

As a Gateway PhD student, you'll receive one-on-one mentoring from faculty supervisors who are award-winning scholars, researchers, and educators, representing two continents and a truly international and global perspective. You'll be well-prepared for a wide range of research, faculty, and leadership positions in the field of library and information science.

Research Areas

- Data science
- Digital access and inclusion
- Digital literacy
- Diversity, inclusion, community, and equity
- Health records
- Human-computer interaction
- Information literacy
- Information retrieval
- Information seeking
- LIS as a profession
- LIS education
- Library history
- Library leadership and management
- Libraries in society and culture
- Literacy and reading
- Natural language processing
- Privacy
- Public libraries
- Social justice in LIS
- Social media analysis

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Research areas are subject to review and change.

Note: From 2008 to 2021, the Gateway PhD program was offered through a partnership with Queensland University of Technology in Brisbane, Australia. Graduates have been recognized with numerous awards and honors for their original research.

Program Snapshot

- **Flexible part-time program**
  Six years expected duration
- **Primarily online**
  Only one annual weeklong residency in San José, California
- Degree granted from Manchester Metropolitan University
- International group supervision model

> "The Gateway program made it possible for me to earn my PhD without quitting my job or relocating, and the hybrid learning experience was engaging and dynamic. Having the support of faculty at both universities meant I was very well supported in my doctoral journey."
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> *– Dr. Lettie Y Conrad, Gateway PhD Program Alumna*

Dissertation title: "Managing academic information: A grounded theory model of the student-researcher information experience"

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Take Your Learning To Go

- The Gateway PhD program is primarily online, with one weeklong residency in San José, California each year.
- This part-time program provides the flexibility you need to continue working while engaging in your research.
- You do not have to relocate to earn your PhD.
- There is flexibility in moving through the program, with seven years maximum duration.
- Most of your interactions with faculty members and fellow students will take place in virtual learning environments via web conferencing, email, web-based documents, and other online tools.
- Assessment for the PhD in Library and Information Management degree, awarded by Manchester Metropolitan University, is based on formal milestones, presentations, and examination of the thesis.

Application Requirements

Applicants who meet the following minimum requirements will be considered for admission in the Gateway PhD program:

- A relevant research master's degree, with first or second-class standing (GPA 3.5 minimum) from a recognized institution.
- Demonstrated experience with research. This is typically achieved through the research master's degree (such as with a thesis) or a master's degree with a research component equivalent to one-third of the course credits, or research competency that is demonstrated in peer reviewed research data collection and analysis evidenced in research reports, publications, or scholarly conference presentations (papers or poster sessions).

Fees and Tuition

- Fees and tuition for the Gateway PhD program are set by and paid to Manchester Metropolitan University. Current annual tuition fees for international students are posted on the Manchester Met web page under the International Students drop down menu. Refer to Standard Band 1. Gateway PhD students pay part-time fees, which are 50% of the full-time fees listed. Fees are subject to review and change. Tuition for the 2026-2027 academic year for Gateway students will be £10,000/year. Please check exchange rates for your local currency.
- Students are advised to budget for travel and lodging expenses for the annual in-person residency held in San José, California.
- San José State University does not offer scholarships or financial aid to Gateway PhD students, and this international program does not qualify for U.S. financial aid. However, students may be eligible to receive a small amount of research support funds from Manchester Met once the candidature stage is reached.

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