

University Academy 92 (UA92)

Summary of 2020-21 to 2025-26 access and participation plan

What is an access and participation plan?

Access and participation plans set out how higher education providers will improve equality of opportunity for underrepresented groups to access, succeed in and progress from higher education. You can see the full access and participation plan for UA92 [here](#).

Key points

University Academy 92 (UA92) was founded by the Class of 92, Lancaster University and a series of industry leaders and opened its door to students at its campus in Old Trafford, Manchester in September 2019. UA92 is a widening participation institution created to serve the needs of those where there is great potential which is unrealised, untapped and they are unaware of the benefits of higher education.

The focus of our access and participation plan is on improving access and outcomes for students from underrepresented groups.

Students that are on Free School Meals (FSM) are less likely to progress into HE than peers. Department for Education figures shows that 44.9% of those not on FSM progressed to HE by 19 compared to just 26.3% of those eligible for FSM.

Whites Males from Low Participation Neighbourhoods who are in receipt of FSM are the least likely of any group to enter Higher Education.

The following groups of students are less likely to continue in education, achieve a good honours degree or progress into graduate roles or higher-level study: students from low participation neighbourhoods, BAME students, Mature students and Disabled students

The same group of students, apart from mature students, are less likely to progress to graduate roles or higher-level study.

Fees we charge

At UA92 the maximum annual fees charged for students are;

Full Time £9,250, Cert HE £9,250, Accelerated £11,100 and Part Time £6,935

You can see a full list of fees for courses at University Academy 92 at

<https://ua92.ac.uk/study-with-us/fees-and-finance/>

Financial help available

UA92 offers financial support to students from underrepresented groups. This support includes: **'Make It For Real'** financial package worth £5000 over the course of a degree to all starters aged 20 or under who were in receipt of Free School Meals in their last year of education. For all eligible students the package will contain £15 per week for lunches, a laptop, free data, free travel to campus and where applicable a cash top-up.

UA92 is offering £5000 **Reboot** Grants to those from Greater Manchester that have been financially impacted by COVID-19. UA92 will award the **Reboot** grant to students or students whose parents are on Universal Credit or who have been made redundant.

UA92 has **Hardship Fund** to ensure students do not drop out through financial hardship. Students need to apply for this once studying at UA92. This fund is clearly promoted to all students.

Through strong relationships with our industry partners, we are also able to support students from underrepresented groups with **bursaries** worth £5000 from **Gately and GCHQ**.

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Information for students

UA92 provides clear information on fees and financial support to prospective students via the UA92 website and our printed collateral including the prospectus.

UA92 provides information on tuition fees to applicants and students via the [UA92 website](#) and through our Terms and Conditions. These are published on our website to ensure they are accessible to prospective students and applicants.

All applicants receiving an offer of a place will receive follow up communications providing details of about the financial support available to students from UA92 and the eligibility criteria for access to that support.

Current students are made aware of financial support available to them through UA92 induction and enrolment activities, with additional funds such as our Hardship Find promoted to students talks in class and over Microsoft Teams.

For most up to date information, see our [website](#).

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What we are aiming to achieve

UA92 is a widening participation institution created to serve the needs of those where there is great potential which is unrealised, untapped and they are unaware of the benefits of Higher Education.

UA92's carefully selected target groups are considered in the context of our mission to widen participation to individuals where there is great potential which is unrealised, untapped and they are unaware of the opportunities offered by Higher Education and our role as new provider located within Greater Manchester and the broader North-West of England.

UA92 aims to have equal numbers of learners coming from Low Participation Neighbourhoods as those from High Participation Neighbourhood, so that nobody is disadvantaged by the postcode they come from.

UA92 aims to increase the % of students aged 20 or under in receipt of FSM to 25%

UA92 aims to increase the proportion of students aged 21 or above to 31.0%.

UA92 aims to ensure there is no gap between the % in Disabled students and students without a disability who continue and the proportion of those who achieve 2:1's or above

UA92 aims to ensure there is no gap between the % in BAME students and White students who continue and the proportion of those who achieve 2:1's or above.

UA92 aims to increase the proportion of white males from Low Participation Neighbourhoods as a % of new young starters to 11.5%.

UA92 aims to increase the proportion of Care Leavers to 2% of students.

UA92 aims to increase the proportion of BAME Women on digital courses to 15%.

See page 13 to 17 (Table 11) of the full plan

What we are doing to achieve: our aims

We have identified 5 programmes of activity to support achievement of our aims and targets:

1. Extend our outreach work with schools and colleges across Greater Manchester and the North-West in both pre 16 and post 16.
2. Engage external partners to collaborate on improving access to higher education and progression to employment or further study.
3. Offer financial support, including 'Make It For Real', 'Reboot' and partner bursaries.
4. Flexible modes of learning including 6 entry points and one year Level 4 qualifications.
5. Upholding our responsibilities and commitments to Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion

See page 13 to 17 of the full plan (Table 11)

How students get involved

Students are members of the Access and Participation Group which oversees all matters relating to this plan. The group has also worked collaboratively with the Student Engagement Forum to ensure the student voice is represented and balanced feedback is obtained which can influence both our current and future activities.

To provide feedback, students can contact the Director of Student Life.

To become involved in this work, please contact the Director of Student Life

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Evaluation – how we will measure what we have achieved

Our programmes of activity are informed by the best evidence available to UA92. As a new institution, UA92 is still shaping its structures with regard to evaluation. The Access and Participation Group will be at the forefront of our work in this area, as we rigorously develop the best systems and processes for effective quantitative and qualitative evaluation of our overarching strategic approach and specific strategic measures.

We will collect data and feedback to evaluate: Our programme design and inclusive support; the impact of our programme to achieve our focus area aims and the impact on achieving our overall aim of improved access and an inclusive environment.

UA92 will continuously measure its progress against the commitments outlined in this plan at regular meetings of the Access and Participation Group (Chaired by the Director of Student Life.)

Contact details for further information

You can contact the Director of Student Life Gareth Smith at hello@ua92.ac.uk for further information.