



## Now hiring! Amazon opens doors to new Manchester Corporate Office creating hundreds of new jobs

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*Over time, Manchester office will be home to over 600 highly skilled tech and non-tech employees including software development engineers, solutions architects, applied scientists, business development specialists and finance analysts*

*Amazon marks opening with launch of new Amazon Future Engineer Bursary for students at Manchester University, the graduation of the first cohort of AWS re/Start students in Manchester, and the Amazon Web Services (AWS) Startup Garage to support local startups*

*Amazon primed to employ over 6,000 people in total across the North West, with the new Manchester corporate office adding to three existing fulfilment centres in Bolton, Warrington and Manchester airport as well as a sortation centre and three delivery stations in the region*

**MANCHESTER — Thursday 16th January 2020**—Amazon today officially opened the doors of its new corporate office in central Manchester, located in the city's iconic Hanover Building in the Northern Quarter. The 90,000 sq. ft. site will, over time, house 600 new roles across all six floors in the building. Amazon has already begun advertising roles for the new site, including technical and corporate roles for talented software developers, solutions architects, applied scientists, brand and business development specialists and finance analysts across Amazon and Amazon Web Services (AWS). Our Manchester office also has multiple graduate opportunities throughout 2020 including the Retail Graduate and Business Development Graduate roles. These positions offer new graduates the opportunity to work with brands across all key areas of Amazon's Retail and Merchant Services businesses.

New employees will see a range of industry-leading benefits, from shares in Amazon, private medical insurance, employee discounts and the opportunity for flexible working.

"I am delighted we're opening our first corporate office in the North of England today," said Doug Gurr, UK Country Manager, Amazon. "Manchester offers an incredible talent pool, a thriving hub of fast-growing UK tech start-ups and is a centre of academic and intellectual excellence. We are already actively hiring from all a range of skillsets for our new Manchester office, so if you've always wanted to build the future, come build it with us."

The new corporate office is designed as a collaborative and sustainable workplace with the aim of minimising waste and optimising space. Waste is processed through centrally monitored recycling streams and lighting, heating and ventilation systems are leading edge demand-based systems allowing for a lean and efficient operation. Employees will benefit from a variety of sustainable and fair trade products in kitchen and washroom areas and plants to support the indoor air quality and environment.

### **New Amazon Future Engineer Bursary for The University of Manchester**

Amazon has also launched today a new Amazon Future Engineer Bursary for students at The University of Manchester from low-income backgrounds, to support undergraduates studying computer science. The bursary will provide £3,500 a year to the selected students throughout their undergraduate course.

Professor Robert Stevens, Head of Computer Science, The University of Manchester, said: "The University of Manchester is delighted to be part of the Amazon Future Engineer programme and welcomes the support Amazon is providing to fund two undergraduate students studying computer science. We hope that this initiative, together with a number of other outreach programmes that the University delivers, will help inspire and enable more students to study computer science and pursue tech careers."

### **The first cohort of AWS re/Start students in Manchester graduate and secure jobs**

AWS re/Start is a training and job placement programme in the UK educating learners with little or no technology experience on software development and cloud computing. The first cohort of young learners from Manchester will celebrate their graduation at the opening of the new Amazon office, after completing a 12-week course that blends theory and practical work with soft skills and employability development to prepare them to start a career in cloud computing. AWS re/Start brings together a range of organisations to offer a unique opportunity for people of all backgrounds to transition into cloud computing. The graduates from this first Manchester cohort will begin working for some prominent UK organisations, such as FibreNation and Isosec, and some of the most exciting local startups, such as Mission Labs. Applications for the February 2020 AWS re/Start programme are [currently open](#). AWS re/Start launched in the UK in 2017 and now has expanded globally with cohorts in the United States, France, and the Netherlands.

### **AWS Startup Garage comes to Manchester**

AWS is also launching the AWS Startup Garage in Manchester, a new initiative designed to support startups as they develop their businesses. The AWS Startup Garage will bring together startups from all industries and of different stages to network, share best practice and get direct access to AWS experts. The initiative will be hosted in Amazon's new corporate office throughout 2020 and has been created to help grow the local tech startup ecosystem by fostering a community for startups and providing them with help in tackling technical and business challenges. Startups will be able to learn from each other and the AWS team, make connections and ultimately become an active part of the local startup community. AWS is already working with Manchester based startups including: Wondrwall, a technology company dedicated to changing the way we live and how we use energy, which combines intelligent AI powered home automation, clean energy production and super-efficient heating systems to help the world's homes save money, time and the environment; Mission Labs, which aims to take on traditional telcos by re-thinking the way in which communications solutions are

built, delivered, and used through products like CircleLoop, a next-generation business phone system that is self-service and works anywhere in powerful applications; and DigitalBridge, a guided design platform that enables retailers to help their customers to design and buy their dream bathroom or kitchen.

### **Amazon's growing presence in Manchester**

The new Manchester corporate office builds on Amazon's presence in the North West, adding to fulfilment centres in Manchester Airport, Warrington and Bolton, as well as a sortation centre and three delivery stations in the region. The opening of the new corporate office will enable Amazon to increase its permanent employee headcount in the North West to more than 6,000 people.

In September 2018, pupils from Brentnall Primary School in Manchester were the first to benefit from [Amazon Future Engineer](#), a new childhood-to-career programme that aims to build the pipeline of computer scientists in the UK. In 2019, Amazon partnered with Enterprise Nation to launch the first [Clicks & Mortar](#) store in St Mary's Gate, Manchester – enabling small online businesses to test physical retail for the first time. In addition, we also held our Amazon Academy for small businesses in Manchester, providing hands-on practical advice on how to boost revenue, productivity and exports through e-commerce. Additionally, AWS operates two Edge Locations in Manchester as part of its global content delivery network of 210 Points of Presence in 78 cities across 37 countries, to securely deliver data, videos, applications, and APIs to customers globally with low latency and high transfer speeds.

The opening of Amazon's Manchester corporate office is part of Amazon's long-term commitment to the UK. Since 2010, Amazon has invested over £18 billion in UK operations and currently employs almost 30,000 people across the UK.

For roles currently open in Manchester, visit: <https://www.amazon.jobs/>.

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