

University of Manchester Becomes First University Worldwide to Give All Staff and Students Microsoft 365 Copilot

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Quality score: 53/100

Evidence strength: Descriptive / self-reported

Summary

The University of Manchester struck a 'world-first' deal giving all 65,000 staff and students full Microsoft 365 Copilot access and training, completed by summer 2026 — though student media questioned its real cost and benefit.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of learning impact	1/3
Equity & inclusion	1/3
Transparency, ethics & data protection	1/3
Teacher capability & pedagogy	2/3
Scalability & sustainability	3/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-09-22

[University of Manchester](#) — accessed 2026-09-22

[University of Manchester announcement](#) — accessed 2026-09-22

[Microsoft UK Stories](#) — accessed 2026-09-22

[The Mancunion student reaction](#) — accessed 2026-09-22

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