

CHINYELU Onwurah is looking forward to three years' hard study after winning a prestigious scholarship for an MBA at Manchester Business School. She clinched the part-time place after undergoing interviews and submitting an essay about the global perspective in the new millennium.

The Guardian Women in Management Scholarship will allow her to spend three years studying part-time for a qualification she believes will give her a wider perspective on the telecoms industry and the global market.

Said Chinyelu, who works as a Manager in Service Development, Cable & Wireless Global Markets: "A lot of our day-to-day activities are about global and local perspectives and management techniques – so writing the essay was relatively easy. I simply talked to my colleagues about the challenges we face, serving global customers.

"My aim is to increase my understanding of economic and management theory, financial

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planning and practice and the global economy," she said. "I was thrilled to be selected, particularly for Manchester Business School, which is one of the top three in Great Britain.

"The study will enable me to experience other industries beyond telecommunications, and also to look at telecommunications in a global and historical context. It will also enable me to learn from the example of other industries beyond telecoms."

Chinyelu, who trained as an electrical engineer, will spend 30 days a year studying at Manchester Business School, as well as 10-15 hours' extra study each week.

"The Manchester MBA places a lot of emphasis on practical experience and teamwork which are also key to Cable & Wireless values, and although it will be a challenge combining study with my full-time job, I think I will be a far better manager at the end of it," she said