County of Essex Scholarship

Scholarship terms and conditions

Who is eligible?

To be eligible for this award you must:

- register in the academic year 2015-16 for the first year of a full-time postgraduate taught course or research degree programmes based at a University of Essex campus leading to the degree of MA, MSc, MBA, LLM, MRes, MAD, MSD, MPhil or PhD
- be fully self-funding your tuition fees

and fit one or more of the following categories:

- born in the County of Essex* (evidenced by passport)
- attended a school, further or higher education institution in the County of Essex* (evidenced by exam certificates or other formal documents)
- currently reside in the County of Essex* (evidenced by council tax, utility bill or bank statement)

* “County of Essex” is defined by local authority area as greater Essex and includes Thurrock and Southend unitary authorities.

Exclusions

The following students are not eligible for this award regardless of meeting the above criteria:

- students undertaking courses at East 15 Acting School
- students undertaking undergraduate courses, Graduate and Postgraduate Diplomas and Certificates, further exchange study, modern language modules, credit accumulation study and professional development modules
- students funded by the NHS
- students who are fully or partly sponsored
- students progressing directly from an undergraduate degree awarded in summer 2015 (if this applies to you, please see our Essex Alumni Loyalty Discount which you may be eligible for).
- students who are progressing from a pre-sessional English course taken at the University of Essex, and who have not been resident in Essex prior to taking this course

How do I apply?

If you have stated on your application that you are resident in Essex or have studied at a HE institution in Essex you will automatically receive the Award. If you believe that you qualify on the basis of any other categories as stated above, please contact the Graduate Admissions Office by emailing pgquery@essex.ac.uk with supporting documentation to prove your eligibility. Once this evidence has been checked and the award is approved, the fee discount will be applied at the point of confirmation by the Graduate Admissions Office, and will be applied as a reduction of 25% on the annual tuition fee for the first year of full-time study for 2015-16 entry only.

How will I be informed of the award?

If we identify eligibility based on your application details, the award will be included in your offer letter from the University of Essex. If you believe you are eligible and have not received notice of the award please contact the Graduate Admissions Office by emailing pgquery@essex.ac.uk.

Can I combine this with other Essex awards?
This award cannot be held in conjunction with other University of Essex discounts or scholarships. If a student is eligible for a County of Essex Scholarship and other Essex discounts or scholarships, only the greater is given. Holders of any award which involves the payment of tuition fees by a third party are not eligible for the County of Essex Scholarships as they are not self-funding the whole tuition fee.

How will I be paid?

These scholarships will only be made available as a discount on the tuition fee that is payable on registration at the University.

What happens if change my course?

You will still be entitled to the scholarship if you change your course providing that you continue to be registered on an eligible course as defined above.

What if I defer my place to the next academic year?

This special 50th Anniversary award is only offered to students commencing their studies in the 2015-16 academic year.

Resolution of disputes

In cases not covered by the above terms and conditions, or where a student claims exceptional circumstances, or disputes a decision not to make payments due under a scholarship, the Academic Registrar or his/her nominee will review the case and his/her decision will be final.

Use of data

By accepting the scholarship, recipients are giving the University permission to use their details for promotional purposes and may be asked to provide a case study which may be used in University publications or on the website.

These terms and conditions apply to the academic year 2015-16. The University of Essex reserves the right to update these terms and conditions as necessary.