Santander Scholarships 2015-16

Eleven scholarships of £5,000 each, funded by Santander Group, are available for taught masters study at Essex for 2015-16. The scholarships will be awarded on the basis of academic merit if you would not otherwise be able to take up a place at Essex.

These scholarships are subject to availability of funds, and details given here are subject to change at any time.

Eligibility

In order to be eligible for this scholarship you must:

1. hold an offer of admission to a full time masters programme in any subject by the closing date for the scholarship; the offer can be unconditional or conditional. Graduate Diplomas, PG Certificates and PG Diplomas are excluded from this award
2. be a national of or permanently domiciled in one of the following countries:
   - Argentina
   - Belgium
   - Brazil
   - Chile
   - China
   - Colombia
   - Germany
   - Ghana
   - Mexico
   - Poland
   - Portugal
   - Puerto Rico
   - Russia
   - Singapore
   - South Korea
   - Spain
   - United Arab Emirates
   - United Kingdom (UK Home fees)
   - Uruguay
   - United States

How to apply

Please complete the application form to apply for the scholarship. This is separate to your application for study, and instructions on returning the form are included in the document.

Selection process

Applications will only be submitted to the selection panel if you meet the eligibility criteria and hold an offer of study for a taught postgraduate place by the closing date of 31 May 2015. Scholarships are awarded only on the basis of academic excellence, if you would not otherwise be able to take up a place at Essex. We will use the information you provide on your original course application and your scholarship application to make our selection.

The final selection is made by a panel of academic and administrative staff of the University of Essex. A representative from Santander is eligible to participate in the final selection.

Receipt of the scholarship is subject to applicants firmly accepting the offer of study, registering as students of the University of Essex for the 2015-16 academic year, and meeting all conditions of our offer. No alternative form of the scholarship is available and the award cannot be deferred to a later year from the one for which you are admitted.
Successful applications

Successful candidates will be notified by mid-July 2015.

Scholarship payment

The scholarships will be awarded in the form of a discount on tuition fees for the 2015-16 academic year only and cannot be deferred to a later year or a different course from the one for which you are admitted. The scholarship is offered for the first year of masters study only. You will be required to pay any balance of tuition fees from personal or other funds.

If the value of the scholarship exceeds the amount of the tuition fee for the 2015-16 academic year, the balance will be paid as a contribution to living expenses in the form of cheque at Registration.

All scholarships are subject to you firmly accepting the offer of study and registering as a student of the University of Essex for the 2015-16 academic year. No alternative form of the scholarship is available.

Combining with other awards

You may only receive one award administered by the University of Essex. In the event that you are a successful Santander Scholarship applicant but are already in receipt of another University award (including the Alumni Loyalty Discount), the larger of the two awards will be kept and the other released.

You cannot hold a full (fees and maintenance) scholarship from another source. If you have a partial scholarship from another organisation for part of the tuition fees, and the combined value of these scholarships is higher than the cost of the tuition fees, the value of the Santander scholarship will be reduced accordingly. We reserve the right to reconsider the award of the scholarship if your financial situation changes following the award of a scholarship.

Withdrawing from my course

If you withdraw from the University after Registration, your scholarship will be pro-rated to the date of your withdrawal. Any remaining tuition fees due for the rest of the term will be charged to you at the non-discounted rate.

Additional information for US applicants

US applicants must be either a United States national or an eligible non-citizen for the purposes of Federal Direct Loans. If you are intending to fund all or part of your studies via a US Federal Direct Loan, this scholarship will be recorded as "Expected Financial Aid" in the cost of attendance calculation and may reduce the maximum eligible loan amounts for 2015-16.

Promotional activities

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