University of Essex Academic Excellence Scholarship

The University is awarding scholarships of £2,000 for each year of study at Essex for UK home fee status students entering the University for the first time in 2012 who achieve academic excellence in their entry qualifications. The scholarship is available for each year of study based at the University for undergraduate degree courses. Receipt of the scholarship in second and subsequent years is subject to satisfactory academic performance.

Terms and conditions
The Academic Excellence Scholarship will be offered for the first time in the academic year 2012-13. The terms and conditions are as follows:

1. Eligibility
To be eligible for the Academic Excellence Scholarship you must meet all of the following conditions:

- Be eligible for UK (home) fees and ordinarily resident in England (overseas and EU students are not eligible); (1)
- Have applied to the University of Essex through UCAS and have satisfied all conditions of entry;
- Register for a full-time undergraduate degree at the University of Essex with first enrolment in 2012-13;
- Have given consent to the sharing of financial details supplied to Student Finance England (SFE) or other UK student funding provider (for SFE this can be checked by calling the Student Loans Company on 0845 300 5090);
- Obtain ONE of the following awards at the level specified or higher:

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<th>Award</th>
<th>Minimum Qualifications</th>
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<td>A-levels</td>
<td>AAB or equivalent (may include either A-level General Studies or Critical Thinking, but not both)</td>
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<td>BTEC National (NQF)</td>
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<td>BTEC Extended Diploma (QCF)</td>
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<td>BTEC and A-levels - mixed qualifications</td>
<td>BTEC National Certificate NQF at Distinction Distinction plus one A-level at grade A; BTEC National Award NQF at Distinction plus two A-levels at grade A; BTEC QCF Diploma at Distinction Distinction plus one A-level at grade A; BTEC QCF Subsidiary Diploma at Distinction plus two A-levels at grade A.</td>
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<td>International Baccalaureate</td>
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<td>Access to HE Diploma</td>
<td>18 level three credits at Distinction and 27 level three credits at Merit</td>
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1 As defined under The Education (Fees and Awards) Regulations 2007
The following students are NOT eligible for the Academic Excellence Scholarship regardless of meeting the above criteria:

- Students funded by the NHS;
- Students directly continuing from one course to another (for example from Foundation degree or HND on to the final year of an honours degree);
- Students transferring in from another UK higher education institution;
- Students undertaking a postgraduate qualification;
- Part-time students.

2. Scholarship Continuation

The scholarship will be awarded for one year in the first instance, renewable on an annual basis for a maximum of a further three years based at the University subject to satisfactory academic progress. Satisfactory progress is defined as:

For stages at the University of Essex

- Progressing to the next stage of your programme of study at the first attempt without re-assessment; and
- Obtaining an overall minimum mark for the year of 60% or greater.

For a Year Abroad/Year in Industry

- Successfully completing the year away in accordance with the published requirements, and progressing to the next stage of the programme of study at the first attempt without re-assessment.

3. Transferability

The scholarship is payable once for each stage of your three or four year degree course which is delivered at the University (see point 8 below). You will continue to be eligible for the scholarship if you change your degree course, subject to meeting the conditions above.

4. Scholarship Suspension

The scholarship will be suspended during a period of approved leave of absence (intermission) where this period covers a whole academic year, and may be reinstated on your return to full-time study subject to the conditions above. The scholarship will be suspended for periods of leave of absence (intermission) that cover part of the academic year, and may be reinstated on your return to full-time study, subject to the conditions above. On your return to study you will be entitled to the balance of the scholarship for the stage.

5. Scholarship Termination

If your academic progress is deemed to be unsatisfactory, as described in point 2 above, or you no longer meet the eligibility criteria set out above, the University will terminate the scholarship and you will no longer be eligible for the award in subsequent years. If you withdraw from your studies, or are required to withdraw, no further payments will be made. Your scholarship will be terminated.
if you cease to be registered as a student with the university, or for good cause at the discretion of the Dean of the student’s Faculty, or his/her nominee for this purpose.

6. How do students apply?

You do not need to complete an application form. If you achieve the necessary grades and meet all other eligibility criteria you will be notified that you will receive a scholarship.

7. Can I also receive the University of Essex Bursary?

The Academic Excellence Scholarship may be held in conjunction with other University awards.

8. Can I receive the Academic Excellence Scholarship during my Study Abroad?

The University of Essex charges no tuition fee for a full year of study abroad or industrial placement as part of a four-year degree. As other bursaries are available to support students during this time, the Academic Excellence Scholarship will not be made available during a full year of study abroad or industrial placement, normally the third year of a four-year degree. For study abroad periods of less than a full academic year you may continue to receive the scholarship subject to meeting the conditions above.

9. Payment arrangements

The scholarship will be paid directly into the recipient’s bank account in instalments during the relevant academic year. Instalment payment dates will be published to scholarship holders annually. Payment will only be made to students who are registered for full-time study (see paragraph 3 – Scholarship Suspension).

10. 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.

Note: These terms and conditions apply to the academic year 2012-13. The University of Essex reserves the right to update these terms and conditions as necessary in subsequent years.