University of Essex Academic Excellence Scholarship 2014-15

The University is awarding scholarships of £2,000 for each year of study at Essex for UK and EU fee status students entering the University for the first time in 2014 who achieve academic excellence in their entry qualifications. The scholarship is available for each year of undergraduate degree study based at the University. Receipt of the scholarship in second and subsequent years is subject to satisfactory academic performance.

Terms and conditions

The terms and conditions for the Academic Excellence Scholarship offered to students first registering in the academic year 2014-15 are as follows:

1. Eligibility

To be eligible you must meet all of the following conditions:

- be eligible for UK (home) or EU fees (overseas students are not eligible);¹
- have received an offer of admission for entry to the University of Essex for 2014;
- register for a full-time undergraduate degree at the University of Essex with first enrolment in 2014-15;
- have applied for a financial assessment to Student Finance England (SFE) or other UK student funding provider with the University of Essex as your chosen institution and given consent to the sharing of your financial details (for SFE this can be checked by calling them on 0845 300 5090)²;
- obtain ONE of the following awards at the level specified or higher:

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<th>Award</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>Note: A mixture of BTEC qualifications may also be acceptable providing they are at Distinction level. For further information, please contact the Undergraduate Admissions Office.</td>
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<td>BTEC and A-levels - mixed qualifications</td>
<td>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; BTEC National Certificate NQF at Distinction plus one A-level at grade A; BTEC National Award NQF at Distinction plus two A-levels at grade A;</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 Courses leading to the award of a Diploma of Higher Education, Foundation Degree, Bachelors Degree, Integrated Masters (four years)
² As defined under The Education (Fees and Awards) Regulations 2007
³ If, for any reason, you are unable to register with a UK student funding provider, you must inform us as soon as possible by emailing ugscholarships@essex.ac.uk
The following students are NOT eligible for the Academic Excellence Scholarship regardless of meeting the above criteria:

- Students funded by the NHS;
- Students undertaking courses at East 15 Acting School;
- 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 into the first or second year from another UK higher education institution;

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 at every stage. 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 65% 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 Study Abroad 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. There will be no payment for repeat periods of study in any circumstances.

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 I 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 from August onwards that you will receive a scholarship.

7. Am I eligible for other University financial support?

The Academic Excellence Scholarship may be held in conjunction with other University awards. For example, if you are a UK student you can also receive the University of Essex NSP Bursary if you are eligible for this.

8. Can I receive the scholarship during my Study Abroad or placement year?

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 awards 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. How will I be paid?

The scholarship will be paid directly into your bank account in instalments during the relevant academic year, normally in February and May. 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 scholarship suspension above).

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.

11. Dispute resolution

Acceptance of the bursary constitutes acceptance of these terms and conditions. Registered students should contact the Student Support Office in the first instance for guidance regarding this award. 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 or bursary, final appeals on decisions regarding eligibility must be made via the Student Complaints process. The Academic Registrar or his/her nominee will review the case and his/her decision will be final.

Note: These terms and conditions apply to Academic Excellence Scholarships awarded to students first enrolling with the University in the academic year 2014-15. The University of Essex reserves the right to update these terms and conditions as necessary in subsequent years.

Please note, our International Study Bursary is only available to UK students.