University Bursary - For students who started their course in Sept/Oct 2011

In order to be assessed for the University Bursary, you and all of your sponsors must have agreed to share your financial information with the University. You can check if you have done this by calling Student Loans Company on 0845 603 4016.

The University of Essex Bursary
The University of Essex, along with most other universities, will be charging UK and EU students an annual tuition fee of £3,465 for all undergraduate degrees starting before 2012.

Cash maintenance bursaries are available for UK students from low income households to ensure that no student is deterred from applying to Essex on the grounds of financial hardship:

For those students with residual household incomes up to and including £25,000 the University will provide a cash bursary of £700 for course related costs.

Bursary payments are made in two equal instalments, paid in February and May.

EU students – are not eligible for government support towards living costs and are therefore not eligible for the University Bursary.

East of England Strategic Health Authority funded students – students on courses whose tuition fees are paid in full by the East of England Strategic Health Authority are not eligible for the University Bursary.

Other funding support

- Other funding support available at the University of Essex

Contact details

Prospective students should contact:
Undergraduate Admissions Office
Telephone: 01206 873666
E-mail: admit@essex.ac.uk

New and Current students should contact:
Student Support
Telephone: 01206 872366
E-mail: sso@essex.ac.uk

Frequently asked questions

- Am I eligible for a bursary?

Eligibility for household income thresholds for the University Bursary for pre-2012 entrants can be found above. You must have been financially assessed (means-tested) for support and awards are dependant on household income levels. You will automatically be assessed for a bursary by the University once we receive your household income data from the Student Loans Company - you do not need to apply separately.
• **How much bursary will I get?**

If you started after 2011-12 the bursary is a fixed amount each year. If you started before 2012-13 and you know your residual household income, or the amount of Maintenance Grant you are receiving then you can work out how much Bursary you should receive from the links above.

• **Who works out whether my household income will entitle me to a bursary?**

When you applied for your Student Loan you and your sponsors were asked to share your household income data with the University of Essex. If you or any of your sponsors opted out of this we will be unable to process your bursary until you or they have opted back in.

To do this the person/people who have opted out should contact the Student Loans Company on 0845 603 4016 as soon as possible and give consent for their income data to be shared with the University.

The Student Loans Company will electronically calculate your Bursary using the rules outlined on the main bursary web pages, and will inform us so that we can authorise them to make your payment to you.

If you or your sponsors are late in giving consent then your bursary payments may be delayed.

• **How do I know if I have been assessed for a bursary?**

Most students will receive a Notice of Entitlement letter during the Autumn term. This letter details how much your bursary will be and when it will be paid into your bank account.

• **I think I'm eligible but I haven't heard anything....**

If you have not received your entitlement letter by the end of the Autumn term and think you should have, contact Student Support who will be able to investigate why payment has not been made. It would be helpful if you could bring in a copy of your Financial Notification which shows details of your Maintenance Grant.

If you believe you are entitled to a bursary then you should receive the first instalment into your bank account at the end of February. It will show on your bank statement as 'HEI Bursary Payment'.