Essex First Bursary 2016-17

The University is offering a departmental support package to help you get started in your first year. The award varies depending on your course but will provide you with a selection of core textbooks and other equipment to the value of £200.

Our scholarship is available to all UK/EU full time undergraduate students who choose the University of Essex as their firm choice with UCAS by 4 May 2016.

Who is eligible?

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

- Be eligible for home or EU fees
- Be in your first year of study for a full-time undergraduate degree course* at the start of the award
- Have received an offer of admission for entry to one of the departments participating in this scheme (as published on our website) for 2016
- Have selected the University of Essex as your firm choice with UCAS by 4 May 2016
- Have confirmed your place at the University of Essex by the end of September 2016
- Have registered at the University of Essex for first enrolment in 2016-17

*Courses leading to the award of a Diploma of Higher Education, Foundation Degree, Bachelors Degree, Integrated Masters (four years).

Applicants to the Centre for Psychoanalytic Studies should meet all of the above criteria but should submit their application to the University on or before 4 May 2016, rather than selecting Essex as their firm choice on UCAS by this date.

Students not eligible

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

- Overseas students
- Students funded by the NHS
- Students directly continuing from one course to another (eg from Foundation year)
- Students transferring in to the first or second year from another UK Higher Education institution
- Students with direct entry into the second year
- East 15 students

How to apply

Provided you meet the eligibility criteria above, you will automatically qualify for this award and we will contact you with further information once your place has been confirmed with the University in the summer. There is no requirement to complete an application form.

How you will be notified

After the deadline has passed, you will be notified via email to confirm you are a recipient of this award. Subsequent to this, you will receive a further email in September providing you with details of how you can claim your reward.
Please note, we will be contacting you using the email address you have registered with UCAS. If this email account is invalid, please contact the Admissions Team to update your details on our system.

**What will I get?**

Packages for each department are currently being finalised for 2016 and will be announced at a later date. The award is worth £200 and differs between courses; offering core textbooks, equipment, vouchers and more depending on your course.

**What happens if you intermit**

If you choose to intermit during your course, there is no requirement to return the rewards of this scholarship (eg textbooks) but you should notify us at ugrecruit@essex.ac.uk

**What happens if I withdraw from my course?**

If you do not register with us in September/October 2016 you will not be entitled to receive anything under this award. If you withdraw from your studies or are required to withdraw before the end of your first year you will be asked to return the textbooks and any remaining credit or vouchers to the department. These will be recycled within the University for the use of other students.

**Can I hold this with other awards?**

This Scholarship may be held in conjunction with other University awards.

**How will I receive my award offerings?**

The materials in relation to this award will be purchased in advance of your arrival at the University of Essex and distributed to all eligible students once registered at the University of Essex. The collection of your reward will take place during Welcome Week. On collection, you will be required to produce your student identification card and provide a signature as confirmation that you have collected your items. Further details regarding how you can redeem your award will be sent by email in September.

**Dispute resolution**

Acceptance of the bursary constitutes acceptance of these terms and conditions. Registered students should contact our Student Recruitment Officer, Rebecca Keeble (ugrecruit@essex.ac.uk) 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, they should first put their case in writing to the Head of Funding who will consider the circumstances. Should a student be unhappy with this decision they should follow the university complaints procedure: http://www.essex.ac.uk/about/governance/policies/complaints.aspx

**Award termination**

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.
Promotion and 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.

What if I change course?

If you change your course before Friday 7 October 2016, and you have not yet collected your scholarship, you will be eligible for the scholarship offered by your new department subject to meeting the conditions stated above. Your previous award will then become void and you will only be entitled to the items related to your new course. If you have already collected scholarship items, these are not exchangeable for items offered by your new department. If you are exploring the possibility of changing courses prior to Friday 7 October 2016, it is advised that you do not redeem your scholarship until this decision has been finalised.

Other conditions

The collection of this scholarship is subject to a strict deadline. If you have not collected your items by Friday 25 November 2016, the items will be retained by the Communications and External Relations Section.

NOTE: These terms and conditions apply to Essex First Bursaries awarded to students first enrolling with the University in the academic year 2016-17. The University of Essex reserves the right to update these terms and conditions as necessary.