

University of Essex
Essex Opportunity Scholarship

Terms and conditions applicable to 2008 entry

These terms and conditions apply to scholarships awarded to students entering the University in October 2008. Nothing stated here applies to any other year of entry.

1.1 Eligibility – undergraduate students

- All students who register for a Bachelors degree, who are nationals of *and* are normally resident in the following countries: Poland, Romania, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania will qualify.
- Students who are nationals of a different EU country (excluding the UK) *and* currently resident in the above-named countries will qualify.
- Students who are nationals of but not currently resident in the above-named countries will **not** qualify.
- UK nationals who are eligible for a Student Loan for Maintenance will **not** qualify.
- Nationals from countries outside the EU will **not** qualify.

1.2 Eligibility – postgraduate taught students

- All students who register for a taught Masters degree (MA, MSc, LLM, MRes, MEnv, MPEM, MFA), who are nationals of *and* are ordinarily resident in the following countries: Poland, Romania, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania will qualify.
- Nationals of Poland, Romania, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania who are residing in another country for undergraduate educational purposes only will also qualify.
- UK nationals, nationals from other EU countries and nationals from countries outside the EU will **not** qualify.
- Students registering for a research-based Masters (MAD, MSD, MPhil) or a PhD programme will **not** qualify.

1.3 Eligibility - Part time students

Postgraduate students studying on a part-time basis over 2 years will be eligible for half the scholarship (£500) per year of study. Students undertaking modular study are not eligible for the scholarship.

2. Award notification

Scholarships will be awarded to eligible students upon registration at the University of Essex. Acceptance of the scholarship constitutes acceptance of these terms and conditions. A scholarship will not commence until the student formally registers on a degree scheme at the University of Essex.

3. Transferability

Change of degree scheme within the University of Essex will not affect the continuation of a scholarship, providing that the student continues to be registered on an eligible scheme as defined above.

4. Termination

The scholarship will be terminated if a student ceases to be registered as a student with the University, or for good cause at the discretion of the student's Head of Department, or his/her nominee for this purpose.

5. Value

Each scholarship is worth £1,000 per full-time year of study (or £500 per part-time year of study for postgraduates). Further payments of £1,000 per year (or £500 per part-time year of study for postgraduates) are available for students enrolled on schemes which last longer than one year. Payments in the second and subsequent years of a student's registration will be dependent on academic achievement in the previous year.

6. Progression

Undergraduate students and part-time postgraduate students must satisfy the normal academic requirements of their first year of study for progression to be eligible for the next payment. This also applies for progression from years two to three and years three to four (if applicable). Students who do not satisfy the academic requirements to progress and are required to repeat a year (either full time or part time) or resit out of residence are not eligible for payment in the repeat/resit year, but may be eligible for payment in any years following if they meet the academic requirements (see 9 below).

7. Payments

Payments will be made at the beginning of December, by a cheque or other means, at a date chosen by the University.

8. Intermission

In the event that a student is given formal permission to interrupt his/her studies part-way through an academic year (intermit), the scholarship will be suspended for the remainder of the academic year. Payment for the subsequent year will be made at an appropriate point in the academic year unless there are circumstances which deem that the student is no longer eligible for the scholarship. This decision will be taken by the student's Head of Department, or his/her nominee for this purpose.

9. Repeat years

If a student is permitted to repeat a year the scholarship will not be paid for that year unless in exceptional circumstances agreed by the student's Head of Department, or his/her nominee for this purpose. If the scholarship continues, the progression rules above will apply. Students will continue to hold a scholarship and may be eligible for payment in any years following the repeated year if they meet the academic requirements.

10. Resolution of disputes

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, the Academic Registrar or his/her nominee will decide on any variations to these terms and conditions, and his/her decision will be final.