



University of Essex



Returner Offers 2026-27

Terms and Conditions

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Returners Cashback Offer

The Returners cashback offer deadline is 14 February 2026.

1. Eligibility

- 1.1. This offer is only available to October start students who will be studying full-time at the University of Essex during the 2026-27 academic year.
- 1.2. Students cannot be entering the first year of study on their selected course. The only exceptions to this are Essex to Essex or University of Essex International College students who studied at the University of Essex for the academic year of 2025-26.
- 1.3. This is not available to students studying with the University of Essex International College, South Essex College, North West University, Students studying with Essex Online, ARU, Performers College, or any other educational institution other than the University of Essex.
- 1.4. Applications for accommodation must be completed between 18th November 2025 and midnight on 14th February 2026 to qualify for cashback.
- 1.5. Students must obtain a full academic year accommodation contract with university-owned or managed accommodations.
- 1.6. Cashback is not available for tenancies in Studios or Self-contained apartments.

2. Accommodation and Cashback Tiers

- 2.1. The cashback amount is £500 on qualifying accommodation areas, including: South Court, The Pastures, The Meadows, The Meadows Townhouses, The Copse, University Quays, and University Square (Southend).
- 2.2. The cashback is not available for Wolfson Court, South Towers, or North Towers accommodation areas.
- 2.3. Cashback is not available for bookings of studios or self-contained apartments in any area.
- 2.4. Cashback amount will be based off the room you are living in at the point of the cashback being distributed in January 2027.

3. Payment of Cashback

- 3.1. The cashback payment will be made in January 2027, provided the applicant has successfully:
- Moved into the accommodation.
 - Completed their first rent payment in full.
 - Does not have outstanding debt to the university.
- 3.2. The cashback will be credited to the applicant's Student Account.
- 3.3. The cashback amount will be based off the room you are living in at the point of the cashback being distributed in January 2027

4. Previous Tenancy Obligations

- 4.1. If the applicant has previously held a tenancy or license agreement with the University, the obligation to grant a new tenancy is conditional upon the applicant having paid all outstanding sums due under prior agreements.
- 4.2. Applicants with unpaid debt from earlier contracts will be ineligible for this offer and will not be able to take up a new tenancy.

5. General Terms

- 5.1. This offer is valid only for university-owned or managed accommodations.
- 5.2. The offer is subject to availability and may be subject to change without prior notice. UECS reserves the right to amend or waive any of these Rules or cancel the competition at any time.
- 5.3. This offer is not available with any other offer except the Athlete Village package.

6. Data Protection

- 6.1. By participating in this offer, you consent to UECS processing your personal data for the purposes of administering the cashback payment.

Cashback and Essex Food Credit Offer

Effective from 15 February 2026.

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- 1.1. This offer is only available to October start students who will be studying full-time at the University of Essex during the 2026-2027 academic year.
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- 1.3. This is not available to students studying with the University of Essex International College, South Essex College, Students studying with Essex Online, ARU, Performers College, North West University, or any other educational institution other than University of Essex.
- 1.4. Applications for accommodation must be completed between 15th February 2026 and midnight on 26th June 2026 to qualify for cashback and Food Credit offers.
- 1.5. Students must obtain a full academic year accommodation contract with university-owned or managed accommodations.
- 1.6. Cashback is not available for tenancies in North Towers, South Towers, Wolfson Court, Studios or Self-Contained apartments.

Bookings must be made directly with the University of Essex. This can be done through the University of Essex Book Now system, via online application and subsequent acceptance, or by contacting accadmin@essex.ac.uk

2. Accommodation and Cashback

- 2.1. The cashback amount is £250 on qualifying accommodation areas, including: South Court, The Pastures, The Meadows, The Meadows Townhouses, The Copse.
- 2.2. The cashback is not available for Wolfson Court, South Towers, or North Towers accommodation areas.
- 2.3(a). Cashback is not available for bookings of studios or self-contained apartments in any area.
- 2.3(b). The Meadows, DuoSuites are included in the cashback offer.

- 2.4. Cashback amount will be based on the room you are living in at the point of the cashback being distributed in January 2027.

3. Essex Food Credit

- 3.1. The Essex Food Credit value is £100. The offer cannot be exchanged for cash. The credit is redeemable using the Essex Food app and will be added after you have moved into your accommodation.
- 3.2. The eligibility terms of the Essex Food credit offer are the same as for the £250 cashback offer.

4. Payment of Cashback

- 4.1. The cashback payment will be made in January 2027, provided the applicant has successfully:
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For any queries regarding this offer, please contact askthehub@essex.ac.uk.

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