

Fuller Masters Scholarship 2020-21

Our Fuller Masters Scholarship is available to UK and EU students to study a taught Masters course in our Department of Sociology. The scholarship is supported by the Fuller Fund and is awarded on the basis of academic merit. Two scholarships will be offered in 2020-21.

Terms and conditions

The scholarships will be awarded in the form of a tuition fee waiver for the 2020-21 academic year and cannot be deferred to a later year or a different course from the one for which you are admitted. These terms and conditions apply to scholarships awarded to students entering the University in October 2020.

1. Eligibility

To be eligible for the Fuller Masters Scholarship you must meet *all* of the following conditions:

- be in receipt of an official offer of admission (conditional or unconditional) from the Graduate Admissions Office for full-time or part-time taught Masters study in Sociology commencing in October 2020
- be eligible to pay tuition fees at the rate for Home/EU students.

All scholarships are subject to applicants firmly accepting the offer of study and registering as students of the University of Essex for the 2020- 21 academic year. No alternative form of the scholarship is available.

Please note you are NOT eligible for this award if you are registered for:

- a Postgraduate/Graduate Diploma or Postgraduate/Graduate Certificate;
- a research-based Masters degree.

Applicants may only receive one scholarship administered by the University of Essex. In the event that a successful Fuller Masters Scholarship applicant is already in receipt of another University award, the larger of the two awards will be kept and the other released.

If a selected scholar has a partial scholarship from another organisation for part of the tuition fees, and the combined value of these scholarships is higher than the cost of the tuition fees, the value of the Fuller Masters Scholarship will be reduced accordingly. The University reserves the right to reconsider the award of the scholarship if the financial situation of a selected scholar changes following the award of a scholarship.

2. How do I apply?

Applications are invited from all students who meet the eligibility criteria. You should complete an application form. No other means of application (e.g. CV or letter) are acceptable. Your completed application must be sent to the Student Administrator by e-mail to: socpgadm@essex.ac.uk.

The deadline for sending in your completed application is **Monday 20 July 2020**

3. What is the scholarship worth?

The scholarship covers tuition fees (Home/EU) and will be deducted automatically. Awards are granted for one year only.

4. When will successful candidates be notified?

Scholarship holders will be notified as soon as possible after the application closing date. Acceptance of the scholarship constitutes acceptance of these terms and conditions. A scholarship will not commence until the student formally registers on a relevant course at the University of Essex.

5. How are scholars selected?

The Fuller Masters Scholarship supports talented postgraduate students who can demonstrate an excellent academic background and the potential for future achievement, as well as financial need. Candidates who satisfy the above criteria, and who have received an offer of admission, will be selected for the award by a panel of academic and administrative staff. Their decision will be based on the following criteria:

- previous academic qualifications, normally a first class Bachelor's degree or high 2.1 or equivalent;
- the candidate's aptitude for Master's level work and making a contribution to the postgraduate community in the department. Evidence will be taken from their references, postgraduate application and the statement on the scholarship application form.

6. Transferability

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

7. Termination of Scholarship

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 Dean of the student's Faculty, or his/her nominee for this purpose.

8. Resolution of disputes

Acceptance of this award constitutes acceptance of these terms and conditions. Registered students should contact the Student Funding Team 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 an award, final appeals on decisions regarding eligibility must be made via the Student Complaints process. The Academic Registrar or their nominee will review the case and their decision will be final.

These terms and conditions apply to the academic year 2020-21. The University of Essex reserves the right to update these terms and conditions as necessary.