

External Examiner New User Registration

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Introduction

This guidance document is for new nominees for External Examiner positions at University of Essex departments. Once a department has informally approached you for your agreement to undertake an External Examiner position with them, you will need to fill out an online application for the role and provide the University with your personal details.

A member of your appointing department will send you an email with a unique weblink for submitting your details. When this has been received, click on the contained link to begin the application process.

New user registration

Once you have clicked on the weblink which has been sent to you, you will see the following screen. This will tell you the date when your **information is to be submitted by**. Please ensure you have completed your application by this date.

To progress with the application, click the submit button in the bottom right-hand corner.



On the next screen, you can click the **new user registration** button to register an account for submitting your personal details.

User Name* (required)
Password* (required)
Log in
New user registration

The new user registration process will ask for the following details. Please note that the red asterisks denote compulsory fields. You will need to complete all sections of the registration form. Please use your home institution email where possible. Once complete, click **Submit** in order to move through to your nomination summary.

our pa	assword must be a minimum length of eight characters and contain both upper and
ower c	ase and at least one numeric character.
f you a sign in	are a current member of University staff please return to the log in screen and using your existing University network log in details.
	Title* (required)
	Please select
	Forename* (required)
	Surname* (required)
	Email address* (required)
	Confirm email address ~ (required)
	Password* (required)
	Confirm password* (required)

Your **nomination summary screen** will indicate which sections of your nomination have been completed. There are two pages which you will need to complete before your application can be submitted: **Your Details** and **Supporting Documents**.



Your Details

The **Your Details** page asks for you to submit your personal details, home contact information, current employment details, and information pertaining to your suitability to the role. Your statement on your suitability and verifying that you do not have any conflicts of interest should be made with reference to the University of Essex's <u>criteria for appointing External Examiners</u>.

Screenshots of the fields required for this section of the application are available across the following pages of this guidance.

Your Details

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Personal Details	
Please enter your legal name. This is the name you are called according to law.	
Title* (required)	
Forename* (required)	
Surname* (required)	
Preferred name	
Preferred Surname	
Email address* (required)	
Sensitive Information	

Date of birth* (required)

Gender* (required)

Nationality* (required) British (not Channel Islands or IOM)

National insurance no.

Home Contact Details Please provide at least one telephone of					contact numb	per.			
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(\mathbf{i})					User e-n	nail address			
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	Address type	Mailing address	Number/Street	House Name	Local Area	POSTTOWN	County	POSTCODE	Country
١	Secondary address	No							
	Primary address	Yes							

Curren	t Employment Details	5
Compan	/ name* (required)	•••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••
Job title*	(required)	
Employn	ient start date (dd/mm/yyyy)
	Add another	Remove
Company name	Job title	Employment start date (dd/mm/yyyy)

Further details on conflict	of interest can be found on the <u>webpage.</u>	
Are there any conflicts of	interest2* (required)	
Please select		*
Details of any conflict of	interest	
		10
Experience as an externa	al examiner* (required)	
		10
Please give details or en responsibilities.	ter 'none' if you do not have any other external exa	miner
Other external examiner	responsibilities* (required)	

The online form requires confirmation of your suitability for the role in conjunction with the University of Essex's <u>criteria for appointment</u>. This includes ensuring that there are no risks of real, or perceived, conflicts of interest (for example, close personal or professional relationships with staff or students in your appointment department) and information about previous and/or current External Examiner roles. In order to minimise the risk of excessive workload during peak periods of the academic year, our criteria asks that our External Examiners do not hold more than two other positions as taught programme External Examiners at other institutions simultaneous to their role with Essex.

Save and Next

Once you have completed and checked your details, click **Save and Next** to proceed to the next stage of registration and uploading your supporting documentation.

Supporting Documents

Supporting Documents

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	Document Uploads
	Please upload a copy of your most up-to-date CV and a document to evidence your Right to Work in the UK in line with the following requirements:
	 UK and Irish Passport Holders do not need to upload any documents at this stage of the application. You will be contacted later in the process with instructions on how to verify your passport via an Identity Document Validation Technologies (IDVT)
	• EU Settled or Pre-Settled Status Holders should upload a scan of the photo page of your passport or EU ID card, if available. You will be contacted later in your application with instructions on the next stages of the Right to Work checking process.
	• Visa holders should upload scans of the photo page of your passport and the front/reverse of your Biometric Residency Permit (BRP). You will be contacted later in your application with confirmation of additional documentation required (dependent on visa type) and instructions on the next stages of the Right to Work checking process.
	Each attachment will be listed on the nomination summary screen.
	To attach a document click on the upload file and locate the document you wish to attach. The document filename must be no more than 75 characters long.
	The maximum file size is 2MB. File types that can be uploaded are .doc, docx. and pdf.
	* (required) Upload file
	Upload Instructions
	To attach a document click on the browse button and locate the document you wish to attach. If you wish to attach more than one document click on the paperclip next to the browse button. The document filename must be no more than 75 characters long.

All External Examiner nominees are required to upload a current CV as part of their application. Right to Work requirements are dependent on the type of documents and/or visas held by the nominee.

Save and Next

Save and Previous)

Proof of Right to Work

As an employer, the University of Essex is obliged to ensure that all new External Examiners can provide proof of Right to Work in the UK in line with the Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Act 2006

(Prevention of Illegal Working regulations). This check *must* be carried out prior to the External Examiner undertaking any work. This process may take some time to be fully completed and will include a brief video call, as detailed below.

UK/Irish passport holders

- If you hold a UK or Irish passport you do not have to upload a scan of your document at point of application. Only a CV is required to progress your nomination.
- Once your nomination has been approved, the <u>Quality and Academic Development team</u> will contact you with information on providing your Right to Work details and will trigger a secure TrustID link to the email address you provided during your application. TrustID is an Identity Document Validation Technology (IDVT) approved by the UK government for secure online checking of Right to Work documentation. TrustID requires that the user take a new photograph of their password and a 'selfie', so the link must be accessed using a smartphone. TrustID is not compatible with desktop PCs or laptops.
 - You will receive an email from <u>cloud@trustid.co.uk</u> containing a guest link to the online submission portal.
 - You will need to take a 'selfie' as part of the verification please ensure you are in a well-lit, but not too bright area, preferably against a blank wall. There should not be anyone else in the picture.
- You will also need to take a photograph of your passport and upload to TrustID- please include the photo page and page opposite. The image should be clear, with all text and details fully legible. Avoid glare on the document and ensure that your fingers do not obscure any of the document.



- Once you have submitted your Right to Work verification, a member of the <u>Quality and</u> <u>Academic Development team</u> will check the upload and inform you of any issues. If the upload meets the parameters for TrustID approval a member of the team will contact you to arrange a final videocall to verify that the document holder matches the photograph on the document.
- The University uses Zoom as its default video conferencing software, but if there is an alternative system that you would like to use, please let us know and we may be able to accommodate this.

EU settled or pre-settled status

- If you hold settled or pre-settled status under the EU Settlement Scheme you should upload a scan of the photograph page of your passport or your EU ID card alongside your CV at point of application.
- Once your nomination has been approved, the <u>Quality and Academic Development team</u> will contact you to request a share code for verifying your settlement status.
- You should get a share code from the <u>UK government website</u> and send the code to <u>external.examiners@essex.ac.uk</u>. A member of the team will contact you to arrange a final videocall to run through the online check with you. Share codes typically expire 90 days after generation, so the video meeting should take place before the code has expired.
- The University uses Zoom as its default video conferencing software, but if there is an alternative system that you would like to use, please let us know and we may be able to accommodate this.

Visas and biometric residency permits (BRPs)¹

- If you hold a visa with a biometric residency permit, you should upload scans of your passport and the front/back of your biometric residency permit at point of application.
 - Dependent on the type of visa you hold you may need to provide additional supporting documentation. A member of the <u>Quality and Academic Development team</u> will contact you once your nomination has been approved to confirm what else is required to evidence Right to Work.
 - Skilled Worker visas. Applicants holding a Skilled Worker visa will be asked to provide: a copy of your Certificate of Sponsorship (CoS) including the Standard Occupation Code (SOC) you are sponsored under; and a letter on headed paper from your employer confirming working hours and pattern (if applicable), plus their confirmation that you are still employed and will remain so for the foreseeable future. Your department will inform the applicant of any safeguards which need to be in place to ensure compliance with terms of a visa.
 - Visa holders will likely be asked for submission of a share code from the <u>UK government</u> <u>website</u> and send the code to <u>external.examiners@essex.ac.uk</u>. A member of the team will contact you to arrange a final videocall to run through the online check with you.
 - The University uses Zoom as its default video conferencing software, but if there is an alternative system that you would like to use, please let us know and we may be able to accommodate this.

¹ As of publication, the UK government is phasing out use of Biometric Residency Permits with new permits scheduled to expire in December 2024. This guidance will be revised following new guidance from the UK Home Office. Additional information on BRPs can be accessed via <u>the UK government website</u>.

Submission of application

When you have completed this section, click **Summary** and you will return to the **Nomination summary screen**. Once you are happy that all sections and documents are complete, uploaded and correct, click **Submit.** This button will only be active once all mandatory fields in the **Your details** screens have been filled out. The relevant Department will then receive an automated e-mail notification informing them that your appointment details have been completed.

Externa	l Examiner	
Login	Carly	Log off
Forgotten password	Nomination s	ummary
My information		EE - John Smith
My profile	Please complete the pages as list track your progress.	ed below. The icons will indicate when a page is completed which will help you to
Contact us	Pages	Icon guide
	Your Details Supporting Documents	Mandatory field.
	Other options	Mandatory fields complete.
	Print preview (Opens in	new window) G Mandatory fields incomplete.
		The submit button will be activated when all mandatory fields have been completed.
		Selecting delete will permanently remove your information. Delete
	For reference, the information mu	st be submitted by the date shown below.
	Nomination details	
	Nomination	EE - John Smith
	Information to be submitted by	21/12/2017
	If you have any problems please	ontact external examiners@essex.ac.uk

Your nomination to the External Examiner position will then be circulated to the Head of the appointing Department and Faculty Dean of the relevant level/s of provision for approval. Additional information may be requested to facilitate their decision-making.

If your nomination to the position is approved and suitable Right to Work documentation submitted, a member of the <u>Quality and Academic Development team</u> will send you:

- A contract for the role, including information on roles and responsibilities
- A schedule of awards and modules you will be responsible for
- A payroll form for returning your bank details
- A copy of the previous External Examiner's final report (if available)

Additional information and guidance on IT systems which will be made available to you during your appointment can be found in the <u>External Examiner User Guide</u>.

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