

Alumni Loyalty Discount 2023-24

The University is offering a tuition fee discount to students who successfully completed a University of Essex validated Bachelors degree, Masters degree, Postgraduate Diploma or Graduate Diploma, either at Essex or one of our [partner institutions](#). The discount is available for the first year of postgraduate study at Masters and PhD level in academic year 2023-24. Students who previously received the discount for a Masters course, will also be eligible to receive the discount for a research degree programme starting in 2023-24.

The amount discounted will depend on the achievement of the previous University of Essex validated qualification as below:

Qualification	Discount amount
First Class or Distinction	33%
2.1 or Merit	25%
2.2 or successful completion of a Masters, Graduate or PG Diploma.	10%

Terms and conditions

Eligibility

- These discounts are restricted to students who are entirely self-funded*.
- The discount will be awarded to holders of the following University of Essex validated qualifications:
 - Bachelors degrees
 - Masters degrees
 - Postgraduate Diplomas
 - Graduate Diplomas
 - Postgraduate Certificates in Education

- Students must register for full-time or part-time postgraduate study at Essex in October 2023-24 or January 2024 and must be studying one of the following postgraduate taught courses or research degree programmes:
 - MA, MSc, MBA, LL.M, MFA, MAPH, MRes, MAD, MSD, MPhil, PD or PhD
- Students who previously received the discount for a Masters course, will also be eligible to receive the discount for a research degree programme starting in 2023-24.
- The award cannot be held in conjunction with any other University of Essex scholarships.
- This discount is available for the first year of full time study or the first two years of part-time study in 2023-24 only.
- Students who graduated from the University of Suffolk in 2016 or earlier will still be eligible for the discount.
- Successful applicants should be available for promotional activities

*Students receiving a repayable loan to fund their studies will be considered as self-funded.

Students who are not eligible

The following students are NOT eligible for this discount regardless of meeting the above criteria:

- This discount does not apply to deferred entry. Where a scholarship has been awarded to a student who subsequently defers entry to the following academic year, the award will be withdrawn and the applicant will be considered again in line with the terms and conditions that apply in the new proposed year of entry.
- Students who are fully or partly sponsored.
- Students undertaking a course that is normally delivered wholly online.
- Students transferring from another UK higher education institution.
- Following the launch of the University of Suffolk as an independent institution, students studying towards a joint University of Essex and University of East Anglia award, are no longer eligible to receive the Essex Alumni Discount. This will be the case regardless of whether they opt to remain on an Essex/UEA award or switch to University of Suffolk awards.
- Students studying the following courses will not be eligible for the discount:
 - Graduate and Postgraduate Diplomas and Certificates
 - Further exchange study
 - Executive (modular) MBA study

- Modern language modules
- Credit accumulation study
- Professional development modules
- Degree Apprenticeship programme

How to apply

If you meet all the eligibility criteria, you will automatically be considered for this award. You don't need to complete an application form. The University will assess your eligibility based on the academic transcripts and certificates held on file.

Payment arrangements

- These scholarships will only be made available as a reduction on the tuition fee that is payable on registration at the University. Payment cannot be offset against a tuition fee deposit if one is required.
- If you intermit from your course, you may, at the discretion of the University, be entitled to a pro-rata payment of the remainder of your award on your return to study. Please contact the [Funding Team](#) for further information.

Resolution of disputes

Acceptance of this award constitutes acceptance of these terms and conditions. Registered students should contact the [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 his/her decision will be final.

These terms and conditions apply to the academic year 2023-24. The University of Essex reserves the right to update these terms and conditions as necessary.