

# Africa Undergraduate Scholarship 2023-24

If you're an international student from a member state of the African Union and are self-funding your undergraduate studies, you could be eligible for a scholarship of £4,000, paid as a discount on your first year's tuition fee.

## Terms and conditions

### Eligibility

- These scholarships are restricted to students who are overseas fee payers and are entirely self-funded\*.
- Students must be ordinarily resident (see below for the definition of ordinary residence) in a member country of the African Union nation.
- Students must be commencing studies in the first year (Year 1) of an undergraduate degree at Essex in 2023-24.
- Applicants must actively make Essex their firm choice by 15 September 2023. Applicants that become firm with Essex through rejection by their original firm choice selection elsewhere are not eligible.
- Only one scholarship award can be made per student and the award cannot be held in conjunction with any other University of Essex scholarships.
- This scholarship is available for the first year of study (Year1) only.
- 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 scholarship regardless of meeting the above criteria:

- Students undertaking courses at East 15 Acting School.
- University of Essex International College students progressing from the International Year One.
- Students undertaking a degree that is normally delivered wholly online
- This scholarship award 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has been awarded to a student who subsequently defers entry to the following academic year, the award will be withdrawn and the applicant will be considered again in line with the terms and conditions that apply in the new proposed year of entry.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 transferring into the second or third year from another higher education institution in the UK or abroad.
- Students directly continuing from one course to another (for example from Foundation degree or HND on to the final year of an honours degree).
- Students who are fully or partly sponsored.
- Students who are classified as a Home fee paying student

## **What is “Ordinary Residence”?**

For the purposes of assessing eligibility for the scholarship, you must have been ordinarily resident in an African Union nation (defined as a member state of the African Union), for the three-year period prior to commencing your course. Ordinarily resident means that you must have been habitually, normally and lawfully residing in an African Union nation, from choice, for the specified period. The three-year period for courses starting in October 2023 is calculated as 1 September 2020 to 1 September 2023. Temporary absences during this three-year period may be permitted at the discretion of the relevant University officer. Students may be asked to provide documentary evidence to determine ordinary residence and an assessment of whether a student meets the ordinary residence criteria will normally be made by the Head of Admissions or their nominee, and their decision will be final.

## **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 your country of domicile and fee status that you submit on your application for your place at Essex.

## **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.*