

International student accommodation discount Terms and Conditions

If you are an international student from one of the eligible countries, and are self-funding your studies, you could be eligible for a 50% discount on the standard weekly rent of your accommodation.

This discount would be automatically deducted from your accommodation invoice if you meet all the eligibility criteria and complete the accommodation discount application form.

The discount only applies to Meadows Townhouses accommodation on the University's Colchester Campus:

www.essex.ac.uk/life/accommodation/colchester/the-meadows-townhouses

Applications submitted by 11th September 2026 are guaranteed accommodation. Accommodation areas are subject to availability, allocated on a first-come-first-served basis.

This discount may be held in conjunction with other University of Essex scholarships/bursaries.

Eligibility

To be eligible for this discount you will need to:

- Be ordinarily resident in one of the countries specified in the table below, **and**;
- Be an overseas fee payers, **and**;

- Be commencing your full-time studies at the University of Essex's Colchester Campus in October 2026 (academic year 2026-27) and be:
 - An undergraduate student in their first year of study*
 - A postgraduate taught student
- Complete the accommodation discount application form (as well as the main accommodation application form) by the deadline specified below

* this award is only for academic year 2026-27 and therefore does not provide an accommodation discount for all years of study. The first year of study is determined as the first year enrolled onto a course at Essex

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| Eligible countries |
| Bangladesh |
| Cyprus (EU) |
| Egypt |
| India |
| Indonesia |
| Jordan |
| Kenya |
| Nigeria |
| Pakistan |
| Sri Lanka |

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| Thailand |
| Turkey |
| Vietnam |

Students who are not eligible

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

- Students studying at one of our partnerships, such as:
 - University of Essex International College
 - University of Essex Online
- Postgraduate taught students who are studying on a course below Master's levels, including but not limited to Graduate Certificates, Graduate Diplomas, Postgraduate Certificates, and Postgraduate Diplomas:
- Students studying courses that are classed as research degrees: including, but not limited to, MPhil, MAD, MSD
- Students who would not ordinarily be eligible to live in University accommodation
- Students awarded the discount who defer entry to following academic years will not be eligible to receive the award and will be considered in line with the terms and conditions that apply in the new proposed year of entry.
- Current students whose first year of study at the University was prior to academic year 2026-27

What is "Ordinary Residence"?

For the purposes of assessing eligibility for the discount, you must have been ordinarily resident in one of the above-listed countries, for the three-year period prior to commencing your course. Ordinarily resident means that you must have been habitually, normally and lawfully, residing in one of the above-listed countries, from choice, for the specified period. The three-year period for courses starting in October 2026 is calculated as 1 September 2023 to 1 September 2026. 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

Applications for accommodation must be by 23.59 GMT on 11 September 2026 to qualify for this offer.

Bookings must be made directly with the University of Essex, using the Microsoft Form linked below or by [contacting accadmin@essex.ac.uk](mailto:accadmin@essex.ac.uk).

[Accommodation Application - International Offer - 2026-27 – Fill out form](#)

Payment arrangements

- The discount will be made as a reduction on the accommodation costs payable at registration.

Resolution of disputes

Acceptance of this award constitutes acceptance of these terms and conditions. Applicants should contact the Accommodation Team in the first instance for guidance regarding this award. In cases not covered by the above terms and

conditions, or where an applicant disputes a decision, final appeals on decisions regarding eligibility must be made via the Director of Campus Services. The Chief Operating Officer or their nominee will review the case and his/her decision will be final.

These terms and conditions apply to the academic year 2026-27. The University of Essex reserves the right to update these terms and conditions as necessary.