

Alumni Loyalty Discount 2026-27

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 to students studying at Masters level following the completion of an Undergraduate course; or PhD level following the completion of a Masters at Essex. The discount is available for 1 year study only for students studying full time, or the first two years of study for students studying part time who start their course in the 2026-27 academic year.

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 2026-27.

Please note, students undertaking the part-time MA Psychodynamic Counselling course (36 months) who have previously completed an Undergraduate degree at Essex will be eligible for the discount in the first two years of study only.

The discount will depend on the achievement of the previous University of Essex validated qualification detailed below:

Qualification	Discount amount
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• First Class or Distinction• 2.1 or Merit• 2.2 or successful completion of a Masters, Graduate or PG Diploma	20%

Terms and conditions

Eligibility

- These discounts are restricted to students who are entirely self-funded (students receiving a repayable loan to fund their studies will be considered as 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 2026-27, January 2027 or April 2027 and must be studying one of the following postgraduate taught courses or research degree programmes:
 - MA, MSc, MBA, LLM, MFA, MAPH, MRes, MAD, MSD, MPhil, PD or PhD
 - The discount is available for the first year of postgraduate study at either Masters or PhD level and in academic year 2026-27. Students who previously received the discount for a Masters course, will not be eligible to receive the discount for a second Masters course, but will be eligible to receive the discount for a research degree programme starting in 2026-27.
 - The award may be held in conjunction with the Early Bird Discount and cannot be held in conjunction with any other University of Essex scholarships. This award may be held in conjunction with other University of Essex bursaries.
 - This discount is available for the first year of full-time study or the first two years of part-time study for students starting in academic year 2026-27 only.
 - Students studying University of Essex Online courses, delivered by the University of Essex.
 - Successful applicants should be available for promotional activities.

Students who are not eligible

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

- Students awarded the scholarship who defer entry to following academic years will be ineligible to receive the award and will be considered in line with the terms and conditions that apply in the new proposed year of entry.
- Students who previously received the discount for a Masters course will not be eligible to receive the discount for a second Masters course, but will be eligible to receive the discount for a research degree programme starting in 2026-27.
- Students who are fully or partly sponsored by their government or other external agency and are not required to make any repayments (this does not include Visa sponsorship)
- Students progressing from a University of Essex International College programme.
- Students studying University of Essex Online courses, delivered in partnership with Kaplan Open Learning.

- Students transferring from another UK higher education institution.
- 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

Students who 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 eligibility based on the academic transcripts and certificates held on file.

Payment arrangements

- This discount 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.
- Students who intermit from their course, may at the discretion of the University, be entitled to a pro-rata payment of the remainder of the award on 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 2026-27. The University of Essex reserves the right to update these terms and conditions as necessary.