

Global Talent Masters Scholarship 2027-28

If you are an international student, and are self-funding your postgraduate studies, you could be eligible for a scholarship worth £5,000, automatically deducted from your tuition fees. This scholarship is based on grades obtained in your undergraduate degree, or if you have passed a Masters degree. Applications received for eligible courses will automatically be considered for the scholarship.

Mode of study	Scholarship Award
Full time	£5,000 in year 1
Part time	£2,500 in year 1 £2,500 in year 2

The 'Eligibility' section below provides full details of the eligibility criteria for this scholarship.

To be eligible for this award you will need to:

- be ordinarily resident in one of the countries specified below, **Or**, if ordinarily resident in the UK, you must be an overseas fee payer and a national of one of the countries listed below **and**;
- have an undergraduate degree (or Masters degree) awarded by an institution based in one of the countries listed below **and**;
- have met the academic requirement of a UK 2:2 or equivalent as assessed by the University.

If you obtained a degree from a country in the list below but are not an ordinarily resident of a country listed below, you will not be eligible for this award.

For example:

- If you are ordinarily resident in Jamaica and hold an undergraduate degree from a university in the USA you will not be eligible to receive an award (because Jamaica is not one of the countries of residence specified below).

Eligible Countries

Africa

- Egypt, Ghana, Morocco, Nigeria, Tunisia and all other member states of the African Union

Asia & Middle East

- Bahrain, Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Malaysia, Myanmar, Nepal, Oman, Pakistan, Philippines, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, South Korea, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, Thailand, UAE, Vietnam

Europe & Eurasia

- Norway, Russia, Turkey, UK, Uzbekistan, Azerbaijan

Americas & Caribbean

- Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, USA, Venezuela

Terms and conditions

Eligibility

To be eligible for this scholarship, applicants must:

- Be Overseas fee payers **and**
- Be entirely self-funded*, **and**;
- Be ordinarily resident in one of the countries specified above, **Or**, if ordinarily resident in the UK, students must be an Overseas fee payer and a national of one of the countries listed above, **and**;
- Have an undergraduate degree (or Masters degree) awarded by an institution based in one of the countries listed above **and**
- Have met the academic requirement of a UK 2:2 degree (lower second-class honours) or equivalent as assessed by the University, or
- Have attained a Pass in a Master's degree (this can compensate for a lower Bachelor's grade)
- Details of qualification equivalences can be found on our [website](#)

- Students studying distance learning courses, delivered wholly by the University of Essex, are eligible.
- Students must register at the University of Essex in October 2027 or January 2028 for the first year of a full-time or part-time Masters course in academic year 2027-28 only, leading to the degree of:
 - MA, MFA, MSc, LLM, MPP, MBM, MRes, MBA
- This scholarship is available for the first year of taught Masters study only or the first two years of part-time study (split equally) for students starting in academic year 2027-28 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 the Global Talent Masters Scholarship regardless of meeting the above criteria:

- Students who are fully or partly sponsored.
- Students studying University of Essex Online courses, delivered in partnership with Kaplan Open Learning.
- Students studying a course below Masters level at the University of Essex: 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 awarded the scholarship who defer entry to following academic years will not automatically 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.
- 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.
- Students who are joining Essex through a University Transfer Link Agreement which includes a discounted fee or eligible for a Partner/Stakeholder Scholarship. In this case, where a student is also eligible for this award, we will apply the award which is greater in value.
- University of Essex International College (UEIC) Pathway students.

- Current students whose first year of Postgraduate study at the University of Essex was prior to academic year 2027-28.
- Students transferring from another higher education institution including those transferring under a transfer link agreement.

What is “Ordinary Residence”?

For the purposes of assessing eligibility for the scholarship, 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 2027 is calculated as 1 September 2024 to 1 September 2027. 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 the academic transcripts and certificates you submit with your application for your place at Essex.

Payment arrangements

- These scholarships will be made as a reduction on the tuition fee payable on registration. 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. Applicants should contact the [Postgraduate Admissions Team](#) in the first instance for guidance regarding this award. Registered students should contact the [Funding Team](#). 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 2027-28. The University of Essex reserves the right to update these terms and conditions as necessary.