

Institute for Analytics and Data

Science – MSc Scholarship 2026-27

The Institute for Analytics and Data Science (IADS) are pleased to offer up to 5 scholarships worth £5,500 each. The award is available to Postgraduate Taught (PGT) Masters students taking up a place to study an MSc course in academic year 2026-27 in the School of Computer Science and Electronic Engineering (CSEE).

We are extremely fortunate to offer this scholarship award due to a kind donation from a private donor who wishes to support students through their studies within the School of Computer Studies and Electronic Engineering.

The successful awardee would have the opportunity to actively engage in the activities of the Institute for Analytics and Data Science.

The scholarship award can be used in one of the following ways:

- A tuition fee discount, which will be automatically deducted from your course tuition fee, or;
- A stipend paid in instalments throughout the duration of your course.

Terms and conditions

Eligibility

- These scholarships are restricted to students who are entirely self-funded.*
- These scholarships are available to both Home UK and Overseas fee payers.
- Students must register at the University of Essex in October 2026 for the first year of a full-time or part-time eligible MSc course in academic year 2026-27 only.

- Eligible courses are any [MSc course within the School of Computer Science and Electronic Engineering](#). However, preference will be given to students studying courses which include an element of study of artificial intelligence.
- The award cannot be held in conjunction with any other University of Essex scholarships or discounts.
- Successful applicants should be available for promotional activities.

*Students receiving a repayable loan to fund their studies will be considered as self-funded. This includes, but isn't restricted to tuition fee loans from the following bodies:

- Student Finance England/Wales/Northern Island
- Student Awards Agency Scotland
- US Federal Direct Loans
- Norwegian State Loan (Lanekassen)
- Swedish Board of Student Finance (CSN)
- Social Insurance Institution of Finland (KELA)
- Denmark State Educational Grant and Loan Scheme

Students who are not eligible

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

- Students studying a course that is delivered online.
- Courses below Masters level: including, but not limited to, Graduate Certificates, Graduate Diplomas, Postgraduate Certificates (PGCerts), and Postgraduate Diplomas (PGDips).
- 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, if available.
- Students who are fully or partly sponsored.
- Students progressing from a University of Essex International College programme.

- Current students whose first year of Postgraduate study at the University of Essex, was prior to academic year 2026-27.
- Students transferring from another higher education institution.

How to apply

You can apply for the award by completing the application form and submitting it to: School of Computer Science and Electronic Engineering – csee-schooloffice@essex.ac.uk before **11:59 BST on 10th May 2026**.

This is a competitive scholarship. Applications will be considered, and awards will be made by a selection panel of relevant departmental staff. Although any MSc course in CSEE is eligible, preference would be given to courses which include an element of study of Artificial Intelligence.

We expect to be informing the successful candidates of the outcome by the end of June 2026.

Payment arrangements

When accepting the scholarship, students will be asked to choose whether to receive the scholarship as a discount on tuition fee payment, **or** a stipend towards living costs.

- If receiving the scholarship as a discount on tuition fees: These scholarships will 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. For part time students the discount will be applied at £2,250 for the first and second year only.
- If receiving the scholarship as a stipend towards living costs: The scholarship is worth £5,500 in total, and will be paid in instalments throughout the duration of your course. Part time students would receive £2,250 for the first and second years only. Payment will be made in four instalments, usually in October, January, April, and July by bank transfer. *The university reserves the right to change the payment schedule, for example to monthly, to align with university processes if required.* Students choosing this option would pay their tuition fees as a self-funded student.
- Students must be registered and meet the above conditions to receive payment.
- There will be no payment for repeat periods of study in any circumstances.

Scholarship suspension.

The bursary will be suspended during a period of approved leave of absence (intermission) where this period covers a whole or part of an academic year and may be reinstated on your return to full-time or part time study subject to the conditions above. On your return to study, you will be entitled to the balance of the bursary for the stage.

Data Privacy Statement

The University of Essex takes confidentiality very seriously. Your application form will only be seen by members of staff involved in processing your application. Information is kept in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) as it applies in the UK, tailored by the Data Protection Act 2018. Personal data will be used solely for statistical purposes and electronic record keeping and may be made available to authorised University staff to allow statistical information to be analysed.

This data will not be passed to any other third party without your consent, except when the University is required to do so by law. Any formal enquiries concerning the use of data noted here should be addressed to the Head of Student Services.

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.