

Postgraduate Premium Pathway Scholarship 2026-27

If you're an international student studying at one of our global channel partners, school or colleges, you could be eligible for a tuition fee discount of £6,500, for your first year of study at Essex.

Terms and conditions

Eligibility

- These scholarships are restricted to students who are overseas fee payers and are entirely self-funded*.
- Students joining Essex from one of our University transfer Partners will be considered for this award.

Students must be studying on one of the dual or accelerated Masters programmes outlined in the University Transfer agreement between the University and the appropriate university transfer programme link institution.

- Students must register at the University of Essex in October 2026 or January 2027 for a full-time Masters course in academic year 2026-27 only, leading to the degree of:
 - MA, MSc, LL.M, MFA, MRes.
- 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.
- Applicants must meet our standard conditional offer.
- This scholarship is available for the first year of Masters study at Essex only.
- Students studying University of Essex Online courses, delivered by the University of Essex.
- 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 University of Essex Online courses, delivered in partnership with Kaplan Open Learning.
- Courses below Masters level: including, but not limited to, Graduate Certificates, Graduate Diplomas, Postgraduate Certificates (PGCerts), and Postgraduate Diplomas (PGDips).

OR

- 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 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 who are assessed as paying home tuition fees.
- Students studying on a Part-time basis.
- Current students whose first year of Postgraduate study at the University of Essex, was prior to academic year 2026-27.

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.

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. Applicants should contact the [Postgraduate Admissions Team](#) in the first instance for guidance regarding this award. 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.