

University of Sanctuary Scholarship 2020-21

The University of Sanctuary Scholarship is available to new Postgraduate Taught (PGT) Masters students taking up a place to study in 2020-21, who have UK Asylum status or Discretionary/Limited Leave to Remain as a result of an asylum application, and those with Humanitarian Protection, as result of an asylum application or through a dependants claim.

The scholarship includes:

- A full fee waiver on a one-year Postgraduate Taught Masters programme
- £10,000 to support living and study costs

Terms and Conditions

The scholarship will be offered to two students in the academic year 2020-21, therefore the application process is competitive.

The following document outlines the full terms and conditions of this scholarship, please ensure you read them in full before you complete and submit an application form.

1. Eligibility

Immigration Status

Eligibility will be based on the following permissions being granted by the Home Office and alignment with UNHCR guidelines:

- a refugee (subject to obtaining an appropriate permissions), or
- granted Refugee or Humanitarian Protection status, or
- discretionary Leave to Remain, or
- Limited Leave to Remain following an asylum application, individually or through a dependent's claim, or
- be seeking asylum within the UK

Application for study

All applicants must have received a conditional or unconditional offer to study an eligible PGT programme at the University of Essex before you can apply for the Sanctuary Scholarship.

Eligible Postgraduate Taught programmes

There are two streams of the scholarship: (i) one-year Human Rights PGT Masters programmes and (ii) all other one-year PGT Masters programmes. One scholarship will be awarded for each of the streams. See further detail below:

Stream 1: Human rights programmes, including:

- LLM Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
- LLM International Human Rights Law
- LLM International Human Rights Law (Economic Relations)
- LLM International Humanitarian Law
- MA Theory and Practice of Human Rights
- MA/MSc Migration Studies

- MA Refugee Care

Stream 2: All other one-year PGT Masters programmes, excluding the Human Rights programmes listed in stream 1.

2. How to apply

To be considered for this scholarship you need to:

- Meet the eligibility in relation to your immigration status
- Have received an offer to study on the relevant PGT programme
- Have submitted your application for the Sanctuary Scholarship before the published deadline

Apply for the Sanctuary Scholarship using the application form provided on the information page and send to funding@essex.ac.uk.

The deadline for applications will close on Wednesday 29 July 2020 at midnight (GMT).

3. Selection process

Selection will be based on your eligibility and the information and supporting statements that you provide as part of the scholarship application process.

An initial review will take place to ensure applications meet the criteria listed. All applications that meet the criteria will be passed to the selection panel, chaired by the Dean of Postgraduate Research and Education.

The selection panel will meet to consider all applications in a fair and transparent manner. Applications will be considered in line with the two streams of the scholarship (Human rights programmes, and all other one-year PGT Masters programmes, excluding the Human Rights programmes) and then prioritised.¹

The selection panel will select and rank applicants on behalf of the University. Applicants will be ranked on the following four dimensions, in order of importance:

1. *Rationale for Higher Education:* future goals and ambitions, and the necessity of the chosen course in achieving these
2. *Interruptions to Prior Education:* applicants who have previously met with barriers in entering and completing higher education will be prioritised for scholarships
3. *Immigration status:* applicants whose immigration status makes them ineligible for home student fee status will be prioritised for scholarships
4. *Student financial alternatives:* Priority will be given to applicants who are unable to access mainstream funding through student finance

4. When will I be notified of the award?

The University will let successful applicants know the outcome by the Friday 14 August 2020.

¹ Award may be transferred into the other stream should a suitable applicant not be found for one of the streams.

5. How will I be paid

The tuition fee waiver will take place automatically at the point of registration.

The University of Sanctuary Scholarship includes a bursary of £10,000. We will work with the successful applicant to determine the best format of payment, with the possibility for in-kind transfers or alternative sources of support, subject to Deputy Vice Chancellor approval.

Payments will be made in three instalments one in October, one in January and one in April. Students must continue to be registered for full-time study in order to receive each payment.

6. Am I eligible for other University financial support?

This scholarship cannot be held in conjunction with another University award.

7. Intermission

All payments 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 study subject to the conditions above. On your return to study, you will be entitled to the balance of the bursary for the stage.

The scholarship cannot be continued for repeat periods of study in any circumstances.

8. Scholarship termination

If you withdraw from your studies, or are required to withdraw, no further payments will be made. Further bursary payments will be terminated if you cease to be registered as a student with the University.

9. Dispute Resolution

Acceptance of this award constitutes acceptance of these terms and conditions. Registered students should contact the Funding Team (funding@essex.ac.uk) 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, final appeals on decisions regarding eligibility must be made via the [Student Complaints process](#). The Academic Registrar or his/her nominee will review the case and his/her decision will be final.

These terms and conditions apply to the academic year 2020-21. The University of Essex reserves the right to update these terms and conditions as necessary.