

# **Sociology and Criminology - Fuller PGT Scholarships 2026-27**

The Department of Sociology and Criminology is offering six £11,025 scholarships to assist postgraduate students taking any MSc/MA full-time or part time taught masters course within the department.

We have been extremely fortunate to offer these scholarships award due to a kind donation from Miss J.H. Fuller, who wished to support students through their studies within the Sociology and Criminology Department.

This scholarship will be awarded in the academic year 2026-2027 and the application process is competitive. Below are the terms and conditions of this award. Please ensure you read them in full before you apply.

## **Terms and conditions**

### **Eligibility**

- These scholarships are available to students who are home and overseas fee payers and are entirely self-funded\*.
- Applicants must have received a conditional firm or unconditional firm offer to study a full time or part time MSc/MA course within the Department of Sociology and Criminology at the University of Essex starting in October 2026.
- The award cannot be held in conjunction with any other University of Essex scholarships.
- 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 this grant regardless of meeting the above criteria:

- This scholarship 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has been awarded to a student who subsequently defers entry to the following academic year, the award will be withdrawn, and the applicant will be considered again in line with the terms and conditions that apply in the new proposed year of entry.
- Courses below Masters level: including, but not limited to, Graduate Certificates, Graduate Diplomas, Postgraduate Certificates (PGCerts), and Postgraduate Diplomas (PGDips).
- 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)
- 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.
- The scholarship cannot be continued for students repeating periods of study in any circumstances.

## How to apply

To be considered for this award you must complete and submit the application form to our Sociology and Criminology PGT Administrator via [socpgtad@essex.ac.uk](mailto:socpgtad@essex.ac.uk)

As part of your application, you will be required to submit the following:

- A 300-word statement outlining how this scholarship would support you to achieve your ambitions for the future.

All applications must be received by Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2026 to be considered.

## Selection process

Selection will be based on your eligibility and the information and supporting statements that you provide as part of the 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 a panel within the Department of Sociology and Criminology.

## Notification

You will be notified of the award via email to the email account that you included on your application. You will receive your outcome by the end of May 2026.

You must accept your offer of the scholarship within two weeks of an offer being made, otherwise the offer will be forfeited and awarded to next eligible candidate.

## **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 due.
- The award is being offered to Home and International students. The funding available will cover the fees equivalent to the Home fee rate, therefore International students will be required to fund the difference between the Home and International fee rate themselves.
- 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.

## **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.*