

# The Essex MBA Dean's Award 2026-27

Essex Business School is offering fee discounts between 10% and 100% of tuition fee value to students funding their own MBA studies starting in October 2026.

The award will be offered in the form of a tuition fee discount.

## Terms and conditions

### Eligibility

- These scholarships are restricted to students who are entirely self-funded\*.
- Students must register at the University of Essex in October 2026 for the full-time or part-time MBA starting their first year of study at Essex in 2026-27.
- Limited scholarships are available, and students are considered for their eligibility on a first-come-first-served basis. Students must accept their offer of a scholarship award within two weeks of an offer being made.
- Only one scholarship award can be made per student and the award cannot be held in conjunction with any other University of Essex scholarships, including the Alumni Loyalty Discount.
- Students receiving an award will be expected to 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 Ireland
- 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 normally delivered wholly online.
- 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to the following academic year or later within the same academic year (e.g. From October to January), the award will be withdrawn and the applicant will be considered again in line with availability and the terms and conditions that apply to the new proposed point of entry.
- Students who are fully or partly sponsored.
- Students progressing from a 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 2026-27.
- Students transferring from another higher education institution.

## **How to apply**

You will be invited to interview as soon as possible after submitting your course application. The MBA Team will assess you for a scholarship award during your interview.

During your interview, the MBA Team will be particularly looking for evidence of:

- Academic merit
- Work experience (quality and relevance of work experience, not simply time served)
- Your potential contribution to the learning experience on the programme
- Ideas on sustainable and entrepreneurial business
- Ability to communicate experience and ideas
- Plans for utilising the Essex MBA experience after the course

The University will also make use of official transcripts and certificates, your CV and your personal statement submitted as part of your original application for admission to the course, to decide the level of your award. No alternative supporting evidence will be accepted.

You will be notified of the award in the offer letter that you receive following your interview.

## Payment arrangements

- These scholarships will only be made available as a reduction on the tuition fee that is payable on registration at the University. The scholarship cannot be used to offset against a tuition fee deposit if one is required, except in circumstances relating to clause 2 of the [University of Essex Tuition Fee Deposit Policy](#)
- 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.
- Students studying part-time versions of the MBA will have the same percentage discount applied to the relevant fee in each year of study. Students studying the modular version of the MBA will have the same percentage fee discount applied to the relevant fee for each module they undertake.

## 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.*