

Centre for Coastal Communities

PhD Studentships 2024-25

The School of Health and Social Care is working in partnership with the Institute of Social & Economic Research (ISER) to offer one PhD studentship within the Centre for Coastal Communities. This programme will look at differences in young people's mental health between coastal and inland areas. A major focus of the work will be exploring the drivers of these differences. This could include social determinants, environmental characteristics, health and social care, and migration, to name a few.

The studentship will be offered to an outstanding early stage researcher to conduct longitudinal quantitative research. This studentship provides an exciting career opportunity for an ambitious researcher on an under-researched area of keen policy interest.

Details of the Centre can be found here: [Coastal Communities | University of Essex](#)

The successful applicant will receive a full PhD studentship, including full Home UK tuition fee discount for three years of study and a stipend payment towards your living costs.

Full funding studentship available is as outlined below.

Type of award	Funding available
Full-funding award	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Home UK Tuition fee waiver.■ Living costs stipend at the UK Research and Innovation recommended level per year. The stipend for 2024-25 is £19,237.

Terms and conditions

Eligibility

- These studentships are restricted to students who are Home UK fee payers.

- Receipt of the studentship is subject to applying for PhD Public Health. You will need to register as a postgraduate student at the University of Essex for the 2024-25 academic year on a PhD commencing in October 2024 and meeting any conditions of our offer.
- Students must have achieved an honours degree (1st class or 2:1, or equivalent). A Masters in a relevant subject is desirable (but not essential) and substantive previous professional experience in the relevant area can be counted towards this requirement.
- If English is not your first language, you will also need to meet the English language entry requirements for the PhD you have applied for.
- This studentship is available for three years of study only.
- These studentships are restricted to students who would otherwise be entirely self-funded.*
- The award cannot be held in conjunction with any other University of Essex studentships.
- 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 studentship regardless of meeting the above criteria:

- This studentship award does not apply to deferred entry. Where a studentship 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.
- Students who are fully or partly sponsored.
- Students on a 4-year integrated PhD course.
- Current students whose first year of PhD study at the University of Essex, was prior to academic year 2024-25

How to apply

You will need to apply separately for your PhD and your studentship.

To apply for the PhD, please use our online course application process which is quick and straightforward. The following pages give you all the details: [PhD application information | University of Essex](#). When you apply for your PhD please state that you are applying for the project “**Youth mental health and coastal communities**.”

To apply for the Studentship, please email coastal@essex.ac.uk and attach:

- A personal statement (maximum 500 words) in support of your application.
- A research project proposal (maximum of 1000 words) that explicitly addresses the work you would like to carry out, detailing how it is linked to the particular programme theme and how it addresses the concerns detailed above.
- Contact details of two academic referees.
- CV/resume (2 pages maximum).

Please direct general inquiries to Emily T Murray, School of Health and Social Care at the University of Essex, email coastal@essex.ac.uk. With the subject ‘Coastal Studentship Application’

You can learn about postgraduate research at the University of Essex more generally here: <https://www.essex.ac.uk/postgraduate/research>.

You should apply for a place to study as soon as possible, and at the latest by **Sunday 23rd June 2024 at 11:59pm GMT**.

It is likely that interviews will be held during the week of 15th of July 2024.

Payment arrangements

- The tuition fee discount as part of this studentship will be made available as a waiver of 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.
- This studentship is awarded for each year of study for a period of three years. The fee element will be deducted automatically, and the stipend will be paid in quarterly instalments.

- Awards are granted for one year in the first instance but will be renewed, subject to the award holder's satisfactory progress (as defined by the Code of Practice: Postgraduate Research Degrees), for a second and third year – up to a maximum tenure of nine terms or three years, provided the award holder is still engaged in full-time research (and excepting the circumstances stated in the section on termination).
- Where progress is satisfactory, renewal of the award is automatic. Students who wish to extend their period of study beyond the nine terms will have to meet the additional costs themselves.

Studentship suspension

Students must be registered and meet the above conditions to receive payment. The studentship 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 studentship for the stage. There will be no payment for repeat periods of study in any circumstances.

Holiday

Studentship holders are entitled to a maximum of eight weeks' holiday (including bank holidays and the University closure at Christmas) per annum and pro-rata. Holidays should be agreed in advance with the supervisor and, in cases where the awardee is engaged in teaching and demonstrating, with the approval of the head of the student's department, school or centre.

Termination of Studentship

The University will terminate a studentship when progress or performance is deemed to be unsatisfactory. The studentship will be terminated if a student ceases to be registered as a student with the University, or for good cause at the discretion of our Dean of Postgraduate Research & Education, or their nominee for this purpose.

If a studentship is terminated prematurely for any reason, an awardee must repay to the University any monies including maintenance, travel, subsistence, fees overpaid from the date of the termination of the studentship. If an awardee submits his/her thesis before the end of the studentship, the studentship will be terminated on the date of submission. If an awardee takes up full-time employment whilst in receipt of a studentship, the studentship will be terminated as of the first day of employment.

Transferability

Due to the nature of the funding, a change of course within the University of Essex may affect studentship eligibility. Please refer to your supervisor in the first instance. If an awardee ceases to work on the related project, then the studentship would be terminated. The student would then have the option of continuing as a self-funded student.

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 2024-25. The University of Essex reserves the right to update these terms and conditions as necessary.