

University of Essex Refugee Bursary 2023-24

The University is offering a Refugee Bursary to assist students who have UK refugee status or are a dependant of a UK refugee.

Terms and Conditions

Eligibility

Below is a list of the full eligibility criteria for the Refugee Bursary, you must meet all of the following criteria to be eligible for an award.

- You are a current, full time or part-time **registered** student at the University of Essex
- You have been assessed as a Home fee-paying student and are ordinarily resident in the UK (overseas fee-paying students are not eligible)
- You are undertaking Undergraduate or Postgraduate study
- You are able to provide evidence that you have UK refugee status or are a dependent of a UK refugee, including students who have been granted leave, or are the dependent of someone granted leave, under one of the following schemes:
 - Afghan Citizens Resettlement Scheme
 - Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy Scheme
 - Ukrainian Family Scheme
 - Homes for Ukraine Scheme
 - Ukraine Extension Scheme

In the UK, a **refugee** is a person who has fled their country, and is seeking protection because of a fear of being persecuted due to their race, religion, nationality, membership of a particular social group, or political opinion. Therefore you have been given permission to stay in the UK, and granted official 'refugee' status. ([UCAS](#))

Students who are not eligible

The following students are not eligible for this award regardless of meeting the above criteria:

- Students who are currently Asylum Seekers and have not been granted refugee status by the Home Office
- Students who have been assessed as an overseas fee-paying student
- Students who are not in attendance, and on an assessment only programme.
- Students on a leave of absence
- Students whose course is sponsored by an employer
- Students on a distance learning programme
- Students on unsubstantial part-time or short courses
- Students who are studying through a University of Essex Partner (e.g. Kaplan, University of Essex Online, Tavistock, etc.)
- Students on Higher/Degree Apprenticeship courses

Evidence

To support your application, you **MUST** provide evidence that you have UK refugee status or are a dependant of a UK refugee.

Evidence would normally be a copy of your BRP (Biometric Resident Permit) card (both sides) or a letter from the Home Office confirming your status. If you are a dependant of a UK refugee, you will also need to provide your birth certificate to evidence your relationship.

If you cannot provide this evidence, you should contact the Funding Team for advice

funding@essex.ac.uk

How to apply

The deadline to apply for the bursary for 2023-24 is 24th July 2024

To apply for the Refugee Bursary, you will need to do the following:

1. Ensure that you meet the eligibility criteria above
2. Carefully read these Terms and Conditions
3. Register for the [Blackbullion](#) online money management website if you do not already have an account

4. Click the 'Funds' tab and select 'Refugee Bursary'
5. Follow the instructions to complete the declaration form, upload the required evidence and submit your application

Payment arrangements

- If eligible, you may receive a bursary of up to £1,500 if you are studying full time, or up to £750 if you are studying part time.
- Payments will be processed in May of the academic year you are studying, for this year payment will be made in May 2024.
- An email with instructions will be sent in May 2024 on how to access this payment
- Payment must be claimed by the 31st of July 2024

Can I hold this with other awards?

The Refugee Bursary cannot be held in conjunction with the Care Leaver and Estranged student Bursary offered as part of the [University Access and Participation Plan](#) funding.

With the exception of the above, the Refugee Bursary can be held in conjunction with other University awards that you may be eligible for, including financial support.

Appeals

If you are dissatisfied with the decision of your outcome of your application, you can appeal within 10 working days of your outcome email from Blackbullion. Appeals should be sent to the [Funding Team](#).

Your appeal will be considered at the discretion of the Student Services Manager or their nominee.

Resolution of disputes

Acceptance of the Refugee Bursary 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 this scheme, 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 their decision will be final.

NOTE: These terms and conditions apply to the Refugee Bursary awarded to students for the academic year 2023-24. The University of Essex reserves the right to update these terms and conditions as necessary.