

Sociology and Criminology Summer Abroad Grant – Summer 2026

The Department of Sociology and Criminology is offering grants to support second and final year undergraduate students to complete a summer school abroad. There are five grants available worth up to £1,000 each.

The grants can be used towards the cost of attending a summer school abroad. You can choose from one of the recommended summer schools, or source an alternative, but you must be able to include full details in your application

We have been able to offer this award due to a generous donor who wishes to support students in the Department to enhance their studies and support the research efforts of the department.

These grants are only available for Summer 2026, and the application process is competitive.

Below are the terms and conditions of the grant. Please ensure you read them in full before you complete and submit an application form.

Terms and conditions

Eligibility

- Students must be registered undergraduate students within the Department of Sociology and Criminology, and be in their second, third or final year of study, if they are completing a four-year course. Priority will be given to students with 50% or more Sociology or Criminology modules enrolled in.
- These grants are available to both home and overseas students.
- Successful applicants should be available for promotional activities both during the summer school and to promote the experience upon their return.
- Successful applicants will need to complete a risk assessment for any travel to high-risk destinations (as determined by the [Crisis24 Horizon risk matrix](#))
- Successful applicants must also apply for travel insurance via the University of Essex as well as ensuring they have personal travel insurance for their personal belongings.

- Successful applicants will also need to be accepted by the summer school.

Students who are not eligible

The following students are NOT eligible for this scholarship regardless of meeting the above criteria:

- Students who are currently on intermission, an extended leave of absence or are not registered are not eligible to apply.

How to apply

You can apply for the award by completing an application form and submitting it to socda@essex.ac.uk. The deadline to apply for this fund is 10:00am GMT on Monday 23rd February 2026.

Selection process

Selection will be based on your eligibility, 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.

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

- Your results from your previous year(s) of study (this will be checked by our admin team).
 - A 250-word statement outlining personal benefits of attendance to academic growth.

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 Friday 6th March 2026.

You must accept your offer of the grant **within 5 working days** of an offer being made, otherwise the offer will be forfeited and awarded to next eligible candidate.

Payment arrangements

- Once you have been accepted onto the summer school, can provide proof of payment and an acceptance letter, the grant of up to £1,000 will be paid into a UK bank account which must be in your name.
- We will also advise all applicants of funding available via Essex Abroad as part of the application process. Applications for funding via Essex Abroad will not have an impact on your application.

Award termination

- If you are later not accepted into the summer school, or decide to withdraw, the grant must be repaid in full. You will be invoiced for this, and any non-payment will remain on your student record.
- The grant is for the sole purpose of attending a summer school abroad. If you withdraw from the process at any stage, the University of Essex is not liable for any expense occurred (such as travel costs, visas, fees due to the summer school).

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 2025-26. The University of Essex reserves the right to update these terms and conditions as necessary.