

Africa Undergraduate Scholarship 2025-26

If you're an international student from a member state of the African Union and are self-funding your undergraduate studies, you could be eligible for a scholarship, paid as a discount on your tuition fees.

Member state of African Union	Scholarship amount
Egypt	£4,000 for each year of study (maximum 3 years)
All other member states of the African Union	£4,000 per scholarship for the first year of study (Year 1)

Terms and conditions

Eligibility

- These scholarships are restricted to students who are overseas fee payers and are entirely self-funded*.
- Students must be ordinarily resident (see below for the definition of ordinary residence) in a member country of the African Union.
- Students must register for the first year (Year 1) of a full-time undergraduate degree** at the University of Essex in October 2025-26.
- The award cannot be held in conjunction with any other University of Essex scholarships.
- This scholarship is available for the years of study outlined in the table above. There is a maximum of 3 academic years for awards that are more than one year of study.
- Successful students should be available for promotional activities.

*Students receiving a repayable loan to fund their studies will be considered as self-funded.

**Courses leading to the award of a Diploma of Higher Education, Bachelors Degree, Integrated Masters (four years)

Students who are not eligible

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

- University of Essex International College (UEIC) Pathway students progressing from the International Year One.
- Students undertaking a degree that is normally delivered wholly online.
- Students whose tuition fees are already subject to a course related discount e.g., LLB Licence English and French Law.
- Students who are not ordinarily resident in a member country of the African Union
- Students awarded the scholarship who defer entry to following academic years will be ineligible to receive the award and will be considered in line with the terms and conditions that apply in the new proposed year of entry.
- Students transferring into the second and third year from another institution.
- 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)
- Students who are assessed as paying home tuition fees.
- Current students whose first year of undergraduate study at the University of Essex, was prior to academic year 2025-26.

What is “Ordinary Residence”?

For the purposes of assessing eligibility for the scholarship, you must have been ordinarily resident in an African Union nation (defined as a member state of the African Union), for the three-year period prior to commencing your course. Ordinarily resident means that you must have been habitually, normally and lawfully residing in an African Union nation, from choice, for the specified period. The three-year period for courses starting in October 2025 is calculated as 1 September 2022 to 1 September 2025. Temporary absences during this three-year period may be permitted at the discretion of the relevant University officer. Students may be asked to provide documentary evidence to determine ordinary residence and an assessment of whether a student meets the ordinary residence criteria will normally be made by the Head of Admissions or their nominee, and their decision will be final.

How to apply

If you meet all the eligibility criteria, you will automatically be considered for this award. You don't need to complete an application form. The University will assess your eligibility based on your country of domicile and fee status that you submit on your application for your place at Essex.

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 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.

Resolution of disputes

Acceptance of this award constitutes acceptance of these terms and conditions. Applicants should contact the [Undergraduate Admissions Team](#) in the first instance for guidance regarding this award. Registered students should contact the [Funding Team](#). 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.