Edge Foundation Scholarship 2019-20

The <u>Edge Foundation</u> Scholarship of £3,000 has been established to encourage applications from <u>Edge Hotel School</u> students who aspire to achieve the highest levels in their studies and who wish to experience more practical, hands on approach to their education as a basis for their aspirational hospitality career.

The Edge Foundation is one of the founding partners of the Edge Hotel School. The Edge Foundation is an independent education charity, dedicated to raising the status of technical and professional learning. We believe that "learning by doing" should be valued equally with academic learning and that all learners should experience a mix of both.

Terms and conditions

The terms and conditions for the Edge Foundation Scholarship in the academic year 2019-20 are as follows:

1. Eligibility

You must meet the following condition(s):

- Register for your first year of study for a full-time undergraduate degree course in the Edge Hotel School at the University of Essex in 2019-20 starting in October 2019.
- Be enrolled on one of the following courses only: Hotel Management, Events Management with Hospitality.

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

If you start your course with direct entry into the second or final year.

Please note, if you are successful in being awarded the Edge Foundation Scholarship you will be required to participate in some publicity regarding this. This may involve your photograph and a quote being used by the University of Essex and the Edge Foundation online and provided to press. You will also be required to contribute to a case study for the Edge Foundation and to maintain contact with a nominated representative of the Edge Foundation on a quarterly basis for the duration of your studies.

2. How do I apply?

Please complete and return the application form by Monday 07 October 2019. Applications will be shortlisted for interview before the award is made. Interviews are expected to be held w/c 14 October 2019. Successful applicants will be notified of their award by the beginning of November 2019.

3. How will I be assessed?

The scholarship panel, which will comprise of one representative from the awarding organisation and one representative from the Edge Hotel School, will base their decision on:

- your understanding of "learning by doing" and reasons for applying for your course
- your plans for using the scholarship funds to support your studies
- your ability to communicate your experience and ideas

The above factors will be assessed by your Personal Statement, as submitted with your application form, and where relevant your interview.

4. How will I be paid?

Each Edge Foundation Scholarship is worth £3,000 and is available for up to two students enrolled at the scheduled intake date of 03 October 2019. £1,000 of the scholarship will be paid directly to the student by bank transfer within two weeks of being notified of the award. Subsequent payments of £1,000 will be made within two weeks of the student successfully passing Level 4 and Level 5.

5. Am I eligible for other University financial support?

The scholarship may be held in conjunction with other University awards.

6. Scholarship suspension

The scholarship 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 scholarship for the stage. There will be no payment for repeat periods of study in any circumstances.

7. Scholarship termination

If you withdraw from your studies, or are required to withdraw, no further payments will be made. Your scholarship will be terminated if you cease to be registered as a student with the University, or for good cause at the discretion of the Dean of the student's Faculty, or his/her nominee for this purpose.

8. Dispute resolution

Acceptance of the scholarship constitutes acceptance of these terms and conditions. Registered students should contact the Student 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 a scholarship or bursary, final appeals on decisions regarding eligibility must be made via the Student Complaints process. The Academic Registrar or his/her nominee will review the case and his/her decision will be final.

Note: These terms and conditions apply to Edge Foundation Scholarships awarded to students first enrolling with the University in the academic year 2019-20. The University of Essex reserves the right to update these terms and conditions as necessary in subsequent years.