

Essex Welcome Bursary 2017

The University of Essex is offering a Waterstones voucher worth £200 to new students within the Department of History, the School of Philosophy and Art History and the Department of Literature, Film and Theatre Studies. The award will help eligible students purchase their first year textbooks to help with their studies.

Who is eligible?

To be eligible you must meet all the following conditions:

- Hold an unconditional firm offer for undergraduate study at the University of Essex within one of the following departments/schools:
 - Department of History
 - Department of Literature, Film and Theatre Studies (Excluding journalism courses)
 - Schools of Philosophy and Art History
- Have registered at the University of Essex for first enrolment in 2017-18
- Be in your first year of study for a full-time undergraduate degree course* at the start of the award

*Courses leading to the award of a Bachelors degree or Integrated Masters (four years).

Students not eligible

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

- Students directly continuing from one course to another (eg. From a foundation year)
- Students transferring in to the first or second year from another UK higher education institution
- Students with direct entry into the second year
- Journalism students

How to apply

Provided you meet the eligibility criteria above, you will automatically qualify for this award and we will contact you with further information once your place has been confirmed with the University in the summer. There is no requirement to complete an application form.

How you will be notified

You will be notified via email to confirm you are a recipient of this award. Subsequent to this, you will receive a further email before Welcome Week providing you with details of how you can claim your reward. Please note, we will be contacting you using the email address you have registered with UCAS. If this email account is invalid, please contact the Admissions Team to update your details on our system.

What will I get?

All eligible students will receive a £200 voucher from Waterstones. Students are free to use the voucher as they see fit, but are encouraged to purchase books which will be useful for their studies.

What if I've applied for a joint honours course?

The bursary is available to courses which are administered by eligible departments unless specified otherwise. If you are unsure whether your course is eligible, check the website or email admit@essex.ac.uk

What happens if I intermit?

If you choose to intermit during your course, there is no requirement to return the rewards of this scholarship (eg textbooks) but you should notify us at ugrecruit@essex.ac.uk

What happens if I withdraw from my course?

If you do not register with us in October 2017 you will not be entitled to receive anything under this award. If you withdraw from your studies or are required to withdraw before the end of your first year you will not be asked to return the textbooks or any remaining credit or vouchers.

Can I hold this with other awards?

This Scholarship may be held in conjunction with other University awards.

How will I receive my award offerings?

The materials in relation to this award will be purchased in advance of your arrival at the University of Essex and distributed to all eligible students once registered at the University of Essex. The collection of your reward will take place during Welcome Week. On collection, you will be required to produce your student registration card and provide a signature as confirmation that you have collected your items. Further details regarding how you can redeem your award will be sent by email in September.

Dispute resolution

Acceptance of the bursary constitutes acceptance of these terms and conditions.

Registered students should email admit@essex.ac.uk 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, they should first put their case in writing to the Head of Funding who will consider the circumstances.

Should a student be unhappy with this decision they should follow the university complaints procedure: <http://www.essex.ac.uk/about/governance/policies/complaints.aspx>

Award termination

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.

Promotion and use of data

By accepting the scholarship, recipients are giving the University permission to use their details for promotional purposes and may be asked to provide a case study which may be used in University publications or on the website.

What if I change course?

If you change your course before Friday 6 October 2017, and you have not yet collected your scholarship, you will be eligible for the scholarship offered by your new department subject to meeting the conditions stated above. Your new department must be one of the eligible departments in order to continue to receive the award.

If you change course after collecting the award to an ineligible department, you will be asked to return the voucher with any remaining credit. If you are exploring the possibility of changing courses prior to Friday 6 October 2017, it is advised that you do not redeem your scholarship until this decision has been finalised.

Other conditions

The collection of this scholarship is subject to a strict deadline. If you have not collected your items by Friday 24 November 2017, the items will be retained by the Communications and External Relations Section and you will no longer be entitled to receive the award.

NOTE: These terms and conditions apply to Clearing Bursaries awarded to students first enrolling with the University in the academic year 2017-18. The University of Essex reserves the right to update these terms and conditions as necessary.