

Syrian Refugee Scholarship 2017-18

To support students affected by the war and political unrest in Syria we are offering three scholarships for 2017-18 entry worth £10,000, two for postgraduates and one for undergraduate students. These awards support our core values of membership, the celebration of equality and diversity and our commitment to challenging injustice. The scholarship is for your first year only.

Eligibility

In order to be eligible for this scholarship you must:

- be a national of Syria;
- have been granted refugee status in the UK by the end of February 2017;
- be fully self-funding your studies (including through student loans);
- have applied for a full-time taught masters, undergraduate or foundation degree course at the University of Essex (Colchester campus) starting in October of the academic year 2017-18
- provide evidence that you were living in the Borough of Colchester in February 2017.

Other conditions:

- students undertaking a Graduate or Postgraduate Diploma or Certificate, further exchange study, modern language modules, credit accumulation study or professional development modules are excluded from this award;
- receipt of the scholarships is subject to applicants registering as students of the University of Essex for the 2017-18 academic year, and meeting all conditions of our offer;
- no alternative form of the scholarship is available and the award cannot be deferred to a later year;
- applicants may only receive one award or tuition fee discount administered by the University of Essex. In the event that an applicant is already in receipt of another University award (including the Alumni Loyalty Discount), the larger of the two awards will be kept and the other released;
- Holders of any award which involves the payment of tuition fees by a third party are not eligible for this discount as they are not self-funding the whole tuition fee;
- NHS funded students are not eligible for this award.

Application and selection process

You must complete the application form available online to apply for the scholarship. This is separate to your application for study, and instructions on returning the form and what additional information you need to provide are included in the document. Applications will only be submitted to the selection panel if you meet the eligibility criteria. Successful candidates will normally be notified in early August 2017 by our Funding Team. Acceptance of the scholarship constitutes acceptance of these terms and conditions. A scholarship will not commence until the student formally registers on a relevant course at the University of Essex.

Scholarship payment

The scholarships will be awarded in the form of a cash payment in the 2017-18 academic year only. Payment will be made in three termly instalments. Students must be registered for full-time study in order to receive payment. Please note that if our records show that you are in debt to the University when an award payment is due to be made, the payment will be offset against your student account in the first instance and you will be entitled to receive any balance.

Transferability

Change of course within the University of Essex will not affect the continuation of a scholarship, providing that the student continues to be registered on an eligible course.

Intermission

The University expects students to complete their training in a single continuous period, and does not encourage the suspension of awards. Where suspensions are agreed, the total period of suspension must not normally exceed one calendar year. Sympathetic consideration will be given to requests for abeyance due to personal or family reasons.

Termination of scholarship

Our University will terminate a scholarship when progress or performance is deemed to be unsatisfactory. The scholarship will be terminated if a student ceases to be registered as a student with the University, or for good cause at the discretion of the Academic Registrar or his/her nominee for this purpose. If a scholarship is terminated prematurely for any reason, a scholar must repay to the University any monies including maintenance, travel, subsistence, fees overpaid from the date of the termination of the scholarship. If a student takes up full-time employment whilst in receipt of a scholarship, the scholarship will be terminated as of the first day of employment.

Resolution of disputes

Acceptance of this award 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 an award, 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 Syrian Refugee Scholarships awarded to students for the academic year 2017-18. The University of Essex reserves the right to update these terms and conditions as necessary.*