

Undergraduate Premium Pathway Scholarship 2026-27

If you're an international student studying at one of our University Transfer partners or international school/colleges membership scheme, you may be eligible for a tuition fee discount of £5,000, for each year of study at Essex up to a maximum of 3 years. If you are unsure if your institution qualifies, please check with your School, College, University or Essex recruitment contact.

Terms and conditions

Eligibility

- These scholarships are restricted to students who are overseas fee payers and are entirely self-funded*.
- This scholarship is available for three years of study. It will not be available during Year 3 of the four-year Placement Year or Year Abroad degrees (i.e. the year in industry for Placement Year degrees, or the student exchange year for Year Abroad degrees).
- Applicants must be studying on a progression link agreement at one of our Global Link institutions above **OR** progressing directly from their studies at one of the above International Schools or Colleges.
- Applicants must register for a full-time undergraduate degree** at the University of Essex in October 2026-27.
- University of Essex International College students must have successfully completed the Foundation Certificate at UEIC. Any students required to resit will not be eligible to receive this award. International Year One and Foundation courses are eligible for this award.
- Students studying University of Essex Online courses, delivered by the University of Essex.
- The award may be held in conjunction with the Early Bird Discount and cannot be held in conjunction with any other University of Essex scholarships.
- Successful applicants should be available for promotional activities.
- Applicants must meet our standard conditional offer.

*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, Foundation Degree, Bachelors Degree, Integrated Masters (four years). Eligible courses for University of Essex International College students include all full-time Undergraduate courses available as pathway progression routes from University of Essex International College to University of Essex.

Students who are not eligible

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

- Students studying University of Essex Online courses, delivered in partnership with Kaplan Open Learning.
- Applicants whose tuition fees are already subject to a course related discount e.g., LLB Licence English and French Law.
- Applicants 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.
- Applicants 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)
- Applicants 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 2026-27.

How to apply

If you're studying on a University Transfer programme agreement at one of our Global Link institutions **OR** you're progressing directly from your studies at one of the International Schools or Colleges, and 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 also 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. There will be no payment for repeat periods of study in any circumstances. Should you repeat a period of study, the scholarship

may be applied to the next stage of study should you progress (excluding Placement Year Study Abroad Year). 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 2026-27. The University of Essex reserves the right to update these terms and conditions as necessary.