

University of Essex

Accommodation Bursary 2023-24

The University is offering an accommodation bursary worth £2,000 to eligible UK students with an annual household income of up to £25,000. The bursary is available for the first year of undergraduate degree study only, for those entering the University for the first time in 2023.

Details of the award available under this scheme are as follows:

Countries	Scholarship amount
United Kingdom	£2,000 applied as a credit against your accommodation fees

Terms and conditions

Eligibility

- These scholarships are restricted to students who are Home UK fee payers and are entirely self-funded*. (Overseas fee paying students are not eligible).
- Students must be ordinarily resident (see below for the definition of ordinary residence) in the UK.
- Students must register for the foundation year (Year 0) or first year (Year1) of a full-time undergraduate degree** at the University of Essex in October 2023-24. This includes if you are applying through the clearing process.
- You must have applied for, and accepted, a place in University owned or administered accommodation for the academic year 2023-24 by the deadline of **4th October 2023 at 11:59pm GMT**.
- You must have applied for and have been approved for funding from Student Finance England (or other UK funding provider) with the University of Essex as your chosen institution. You must have requested a means-tested assessment for funding to Student Finance England and have been assessed as having an annual household income of up to £25,000. You will need to provide consent for details of your Household Income to be shared with the University.

- If you become eligible during the year due to your Household Income being assessed or reassessed, you will be entitled to the bursary for that academic year.
- Applicants must meet our standard conditional offer.
- Students who are eligible for this award and are joining Essex through a link agreement, which includes a discounted fee, will receive the award which is greater in value.
- This bursary may be held in conjunction with other University of Essex scholarships.
- This bursary is available for the foundation (Year 0) or first year of study (Year1) at undergraduate level in 2023-24.
- Successful applicants should be available for promotional activities.

*Students receiving a repayable loan to fund their studies will be considered as self-funded. This includes, but isn't restricted to tuition fee loans from Student Finance England or other UK funding body.

**Courses leading to the award of a Diploma of Higher Education, Foundation Degree, 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:

- Overseas fee payers.
- Students undertaking Higher or Degree Apprenticeships.
- University of Essex International College students progressing from the International Year One.
- University of Essex International College (UEIC) Pathway students.
- Students undertaking a degree that is normally delivered wholly online.
- Students who are not ordinarily resident in the UK.
- This scholarship award does not apply to deferred entry. Where a scholarship has been awarded to a student who subsequently defers entry to the following academic year, the award will be withdrawn and the applicant will be considered again 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 starting their course after a break in study, but not in their first year of higher education.

- Students directly continuing from one course to another (for example from Foundation degree or HND on to the final year of an honours degree).
- Students who are fully or partly sponsored.
- Current students whose first year of undergraduate study at the University of Essex, was prior to academic year 2023-24.

What is “Ordinary Residence”?

For the purposes of assessing eligibility for the scholarship, you must have been ordinarily resident in the UK, for the three-year period prior to commencing your course. Ordinarily resident means that you must have been habitually, normally and lawfully, residing in the UK from choice, for the specified period. The three-year period for courses starting in October 2023 is calculated as 1 September 2020 to 1 September 2023. 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, and you will be notified by the end of November. You don't need to complete an application form.

Payment arrangements

The bursary will be applied as a credit against your accommodation fees. The bursary will be applied in three equal instalments in October, January, and April. Payments will only be made to students who are registered for full-time study at the time the payment takes place and holding a valid tenancy agreement in university owned or administered accommodation.

This bursary can be held in conjunction with other University awards.
There will be no payment for repeat periods of study in any circumstances.

Withdrawing Intermittent or Repeating

If you withdraw from your studies completely, or are required to withdraw, no further outstanding payments will be made. 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 2023-24. The University of Essex reserves the right to update these terms and conditions as necessary.