

# University of Essex Early-bird Discount 2026-27

If you're an international student who are overseas fee payers, you could be eligible for a tuition fee discount if you pay your 2026-27 tuition fee, in full, early. The discount is available to students studying at Undergraduate, Masters and or PHD level. The discount will only be applied to the 2026-27 tuition fee, for first year of full-time study only.

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

Period of entry	Discount amount and payment deadline
October 2026	£1000 discounted provided you pay your full 2026-2027 tuition fee by 19 <sup>th</sup> August 2026.
January 2027	£1000 discounted provided you pay your full 2026-2027 tuition fee by 15 <sup>th</sup> January 2027
April 2027	£1000 discounted provided you pay your full 2026-2027 tuition fee by 31 <sup>st</sup> January 2027

## Terms and conditions

### Eligibility

- These scholarships are restricted to students who are overseas fee payers and are entirely self-funded\*.
- Applicants must meet our standard conditional offer.
- This discount is available for the first year of full-time study in 2026-27 only.
- The discount can be held in conjunction with other University of Essex scholarships/bursaries.

- This discount is available for the first year of study at undergraduate, postgraduate taught or research level in 2026-27 only. If you are entering directly onto year 2 or 3 of an undergraduate course as a transfer student, you will still be eligible provided this is your first time studying at the University of Essex.
- This discount may be held in conjunction with other University of Essex awards.
- Students studying University of Essex Online courses, delivered by the University of Essex.
- 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 the following bodies:

- Student Finance England/Wales/Northern Island
- Student Awards Agency Scotland
- US Federal Direct Loans
- Norwegian State Loan (Lanekassen),
- Swedish Board of Student Finance (CSN),
- Social Insurance Institution of Finland (KELA)
- Denmark State Educational Grant and Loan Scheme.

## **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.
- Students studying on a part-time basis or studying a modular course.
- Students transferring from another UK higher education institution.
- Students awarded the discount 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 entering the second and third year, except where they are entering directly as a transfer student and the second or third year of undergraduate level of the course will be their first year studying at the University of Essex.

- 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 by their government or other external agency and are not required to make any repayments (this does not include VISA sponsorship)
- Students 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 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 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.

## **Resolution of disputes**

Acceptance of this award constitutes acceptance of these terms and conditions. Registered students should contact the [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 their nominee will review the case and his/her decision will be final.

*These terms and conditions apply to the academic year 2026-2027 The University of Essex reserves the right to update these terms and conditions as necessary.*