

Alumni Loyalty Discount 2021-22

The University is offering a tuition fee discount (for holders of a specified University qualification) to students who are taking up study on an eligible postgraduate taught course or a research degree. The amount discounted will depend on the achievement of the previous University qualification as below:

- First Class undergraduate degree, or Distinction in your Masters/Graduate or PG Diploma: 33 per cent
- 2.1 undergraduate degree, or Merit in your Masters/Graduate or PG Diploma: 25 per cent
- 2.2 undergraduate degree, or successful completion of your Masters/Graduate or PG Diploma: 10 per cent

Terms and conditions

1. Eligibility

- The award is available to Home (UK), EU and overseas students who are entirely self-funded and who have not previously been awarded the loyalty discount.
- The discount is awarded to holders of the following University of Essex validated qualifications as follows:
 - Bachelors degrees
 - Masters degrees
 - Postgraduate Diplomas
 - Graduate Diplomas
 - Postgraduate Certificates in Education
- The discount is awarded to applicants who are registering for postgraduate study at Essex on or after October 2021 (including January 2022 starters), either for an eligible postgraduate taught course or a research degree, including:
 - MA, MSc, MBA, LLM, MFA, MAPH, MRes, MAD, MSD, MPhil, PD or PhD
- The award is open to applicants to the full-time and part-time programmes.

If you have been offered a scholarship but request to defer your entry, your scholarship offer will be reconsidered in line with the terms and conditions that apply in the new year of entry.

The following students are **not** eligible for this discount:

- Students who are fully or partly sponsored
- Students who have already received the Alumni Loyalty Discount previously
- The discount will not be awarded when applicants register for the following University courses:
 - Graduate and Postgraduate Diplomas and Certificates
 - Further exchange study
 - Executive (modular) MBA study
 - Modern language modules
 - Credit accumulation study
 - Professional development modules
 - Degree Apprenticeship programme

2. How do I apply?

The discount will be applied at the point of confirmation by the Graduate Admissions Office, and represent the following reduction on the annual tuition fee for the first year of full-time study, or first two years of part-time study, only:

The discount is not generally awarded in combination with other Essex discounts or scholarships, so, if a student is eligible for a loyalty discount and other Essex discounts or scholarships, only the greater is given. From time to time the loyalty discount may be made available in conjunction with certain University awards and this will be specified in the terms and conditions for those awards. Holders of any award which involves the payment of tuition fees by a third party are not eligible for the loyalty discount as they are not self-funding the whole tuition fee.

3. Payment arrangements

These scholarships will only be made available as a reduction on the tuition fee that is payable on registration at the University. If you intermit from your course, you may, with the agreement of your department and at the discretion of the Director of Marketing and Student Recruitment, 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.

4. If you have studied an Essex degree at a partner institution

If you have attained an Essex-validated award at one of our partner institutions you are eligible for the Alumni Loyalty Discount when registering for a postgraduate course at Essex; however the discount is not applicable if you are intending to study a postgraduate course at one of our partner institutions.

Please note, following the launch of the University of Suffolk as an independent institution, students studying towards a joint University of Essex and University of East Anglia award, are no longer eligible to receive the Essex Alumni Discount. This will be the case regardless of whether they opt to remain on an Essex/UEA award or switch to University of Suffolk awards. Students who graduated from the University of Suffolk in 2016 or earlier will still be eligible for the discount.

5. 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 his/her nominee will review the case and his/her decision will be final.

These terms and conditions apply to the Alumni Loyalty Discount for the academic year 2021-22. The University of Essex reserves the right to update these terms and conditions as necessary.