# Alumni Loyalty Plus Bursary 2021-22

The bursary is awarded to holders of University of Essex validated Bachelor's degrees awarded in the summer of 2015 or later, who are registering full-time or part-time for an eligible postgraduate taught course at Essex in October 2021, and who are self-funding all of their tuition fee.

# **Terms and conditions**

## 1. Eligibility

- The award is available to students who hold a validated Bachelor's degree from the University of Essex awarded in the summer of 2015 or later.
- Students must register for an eligible postgraduate taught course at Essex in October 2021. Eligible courses are those which are full-time or part-time, leading to the degree of MA, MSc, MBA, LLM, MFA, MAPH, or MRes.
- Students must be entirely self-funding all of their tuition fee.
- 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 **<u>not</u>** eligible for this discount:

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

#### 2. How do I apply?

The bursary will be automatically applied at the point of confirmation by the Graduate Admissions Office and will be provided as a £1,000 bursary payment in the first year of study. If a student is studying part-time, this bursary will be divided between the two years of study.

This bursary can be used in conjunction with either the existing alumni loyalty discount fee discount or one other Essex discount or scholarship, whichever is the greater.

#### 3. Payment arrangements

The bursary is worth £1,000 for the first year of study only (or £500 for two years of study for part-time students). Payment will be made in two instalments per year, normally in February

and May. Students must be registered for full-time or part-time study in order to receive payment (see bursary suspension below).

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.

#### 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 both the Alumni Loyalty Discount and the Alumni Loyalty Plus Bursary when registering for a postgraduate course at Essex; however the discount and bursary 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 Loyalty Plus Bursary. 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 bursary.

## 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 <u>Student</u> <u>Complaints process</u>. 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 Plus Discount for the academic year 2021-22. The University of Essex reserves the right to update these terms and conditions as necessary.