

# Schools Membership Plus (SMP) Bursary 2022-23

The University is offering a £500 bursary to support students from the listed School Membership Plus UK schools and colleges progressing onto an undergraduate course at the University of Essex.

## Terms and conditions

### Eligibility

Our bursary is available for students from SMP schools listed below applying for undergraduate courses who make the University of Essex their firm choice with UCAS by 15 July 2022 and register with us for the academic year 2022-23. The school/college must be included as one of our SMP schools, either on or before 15 July 2022

1. Attleborough Academy Norfolk
2. Brentwood County High School
3. Cecil Jones Academy
4. Chase High School
5. Chelmsford College
6. Christ the King Sixth Form College: Aquinas
7. Christ The King Sixth Form College: Emmanuel
8. Christ the King Sixth Form College: St Mary's
9. City and Islington College, CANDI Sixth Form College
10. Clacton Coastal Academy
11. Colchester County High School for Girls
12. Copleston High School
13. East Norfolk Sixth Form Centre
14. Harlow College
15. Harwich and Dovercourt High School
16. Havering Sixth Form College (excluding New City college & Havering College of Further and Higher Education)
17. Hedingham School and Sixth Form
18. Hylands Schools
19. Northgate High School
20. Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form
21. One Sixth Form College, Suffolk
22. Ortu Sixth Form Centre (Stanford and Corringham)
23. Palmer's College (USP)
24. Plume - Maldon's Community Academy
25. Robert Clack School School of Science
26. Seevic College (USP)
27. Shoeburyness High School
28. Sigma Sixth Colchester (Philip Morant)
29. Sigma Sixth Tendring (Clacton County)
30. South Essex College
31. St Angela's Ursuline School
32. St Charles Catholic Sixth Form College
33. St Francis Xavier Sixth Form College
34. Suffolk New College
35. Tendring Technology College
36. The Basildon Upper Academy

37. The FitzWimarc School
38. The Jo Richardson Community School
39. The King Edmund School
40. The Royal Hospital School
41. The Sixth Form College Colchester
42. Thomas Gainsborough School
43. Thurstable School
44. Witham Sixth Forms (Maltings & New Rickstones)
45. The Sandon School

To be eligible you must meet all of the following conditions:

- Complete your studies at one of our Schools Membership Plus schools/colleges in academic year 2021-22;
- Make the University of Essex their firm choice with UCAS by 15 July 2022;
- Progress directly from your studies at one of the named schools membership schools/colleges;
- Register for your first year of study for a full-time undergraduate degree<sup>1</sup> at the University of Essex starting in October 2022.

### **Students who are not eligible**

The following students are not eligible for this award regardless of meeting the above criteria:

- Students on Higher/Degree Apprenticeship courses;
- Students with direct entry into the second year;
- Students studying online distance learning courses\*;
- 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 transferring into the second year from another UK higher education institution.

\*this does not include normal teaching moving online due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

These scholarships do not apply to deferred entry. Where a student, to whom a scholarship has been offered and requests deferred entry, the award will be considered again in line with the terms and conditions that apply in the new proposed year of entry (if the scholarship is on offer in that year of study)

### **How to apply**

If you meet all the eligibility criteria above you will be contacted regarding the bursary; you do not need to complete an application form.

### **Payment arrangements**

The bursary is worth £500 for the first year of study only. Payment will be made in two instalments, normally in February and May. Students must be registered for full-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

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<sup>1</sup> Eligible courses are full time courses leading to the award of a Foundation Degree, Bachelor's Degree or Integrated Masters (four years), or year 0 of an Essex Pathways Degree course;

payment will be offset against your student account in the first instance and you will be entitled to receive any balance.

### **Can I hold this with other awards?**

This bursary cannot be held in conjunction with any other bursary unless specified in other award Terms & Conditions.

### **Bursary suspension**

The bursary will be suspended during a period of approved leave of absence (intermission) where this period covers a whole or part of an academic year, and may be reinstated on your return to full-time study subject to the conditions above. On your return to study you will be entitled to the balance of the bursary for the stage. There will be no payment for repeat periods of study in any circumstances.

### **Scholarship termination**

If you withdraw from your studies, or are required to withdraw, no further payments will be made. Your bursary will be terminated if you cease to be registered as a student with the University, or for good cause at the discretion of the Dean of the student's Faculty, or their nominee for this purpose.

### **Resolution of disputes**

Acceptance of the bursary 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 a scholarship or bursary, 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 their decision will be final.

*NOTE: These terms and conditions apply to SMP bursaries awarded to students for the academic year 2022-23. The University of Essex reserves the right to update these terms and conditions as necessary.*