

Academic Excellence International Masters Scholarship 2024-25

If you're an international student, who has completed your undergraduate degree overseas or in the UK and are self-funding your postgraduate studies, you could be eligible for a scholarship worth up to £5,000, paid as a discount on your tuition fee. Awards will be made based on grades obtained in your undergraduate degree, so all applications for relevant courses will automatically be considered.

The scholarship is awarded as a partial tuition fee waiver and is available for students on postgraduate taught Masters courses (excluding courses specified below). If you have a degree awarded by an institution based in one of the following countries, these are the academic requirements and the value of the award:

Country	Academic Requirement	Scholarship Award
Argentina	7.5/10	£4,000
Azerbaijan	Equivalent to UK 2.2 who graduate from institutions in Azerbaijan regardless of whether institution is Azeri	£4,000
Bahrain	CGPA 3.0 or above	£4,000
Bangladesh	CGPA 3.2/60%/B in a 4-year degree	£5,000
Brazil	75/100 or 7.5/10 or B+	£4,000
Bolivia	75/100 for students who graduate from private institutions, or 66/100 for students who graduate from public institutions	£4,000
Cambodia	CGPA 3.2 or above	£4,000
Canada	A, or CGPA 3.5/4, or CGPA 8/9, or 85% (where pass mark is 60%), or 84% (where pass mark is 50%)	£3,000
Chile	75% or 6/7	£3,000
China	70% or 2.0 CGPA from Tier 1, 75% or 2.5 from Tier 2 universities	£2,500
Colombia	4/5	£4,000

Country	Academic Requirement	Scholarship Award
Costa Rica	8/10	£4,000
Dominican Republic	85% or CGPA 3.50	£4,000
Ecuador	8/10	£4,000
El Salvador	7.5/10	£4,000
Guatemala	Public Universities 70% / Private Universities 80%	£4,000
Hong Kong	CGPA 3.0 or above	£2,000
India	October 2024 intake: Tier 2 60% or CGPA 6.5/10 or CGPA 2.6/4	£3,000
	October 2024 and January 2025 intake: Tier 1 55% or CGPA 6/10 or CGPA 2.4/4	£4,000
Indonesia	CGPA 3.0 or above	£4,000
Iran	14/20	£4,500
Japan	B or CGPA 2.5/4	£4,000
Jordan	CGPA 3.0 or above	£3,000
Kazakhstan	5 (excellent) OR 3.75/4.0, 4/4.33 and 4.0/5.0	£3,000
Lebanon	16/20	£3,000
Malaysia	CGPA 3.25 or above	£4,000
Mauritius	Equivalent to UK 1st	£4,000
	Equivalent to UK 2.1	£3,000
Mexico	80%	£4,000
Nepal	70% (first division) or CGPA 3.50/4	£5,000
	65% (first division) or CGPA 3/4	£3,000
Nicaragua	80%	£4,000

Country	Academic Requirement	Scholarship Award
Norway	B	£3,000
Pakistan	65% or above, where pass mark is 33%, or 70% or above, where pass mark is 50%, or 80% or above where the pass mark is 60%, or CGPA 3.00 or above	£5,000
	63% or above, where pass mark is 33%, or 65% or above, where pass mark is 50%, or 75% or above where the pass mark is 60%, or CGPA 2.90 or above	£4,000
Panama	B or 81%	£4,000
Paraguay	80% or 4/5	£4,000
Peru	15/20	£4,000
Philippines	Grade point: 1.75/5.0; grade point: 3.0/4.0 (percentage: 92-95; alternative names: Very good, <i>Magna cum laude</i> ; English translation or equivalent: 2:1)	£4,000
Russia	CGPA 4.5 or above	£2,000
Sri Lanka	B+ or GPA 3,25	£5,000
	B or GPA 3.00	£3,000
Taiwan	70% (national institution), 75% (other institution)	£4,000
Thailand	Undergraduate degree awarded by the following institutions only - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chulalongkorn University, • Mahidol University, • King Mongkut's University of Technology, • Mae Fah Luang University, • Chiang Mai University, • Thammasat University, • Kasetsart University CGPA 2.8 or above	£5,000

Country	Academic Requirement	Scholarship Award
	CGPA 2.55 or above	£4,000
	Undergraduate degree awarded by all other institutions (those not noted above)	
	CGPA 3.5 or above	£5,000
	CGPA 3.0 or above	£4,000
Turkey	CGPA 3.00+ OR 75%	£4,000
UK	2.1 or above	£2,000
Uruguay	8.5/12	£4,000
USA	CGPA 3.25 or above	£3,000
Venezuela	15/20	£4,000
Vietnam	CGPA 8/10 or above or CGPA 3.5/4 or above	£5,000
	CGPA 7/10 or above or CGPA 3/4 or above	£3,000

Terms and conditions

Eligibility

- These scholarships are restricted to students who are overseas fee payers and are entirely self-funded*.
- These scholarships may be awarded to students who have completed relevant university studies in one of the specified countries. Where a degree has been awarded by an institution based in the UK, students must have been domiciled in one of the other specified countries.
- Graduates of the University of Essex are not eligible for this award.
- Awards made by an institution based in one of the specified countries above, but delivered in another country, will also be eligible.
- Students must have been awarded an undergraduate degree (this includes integrated Masters degrees) with the grade specified or above. A higher Masters grade cannot be taken to compensate for a lower Bachelors grade.
- Students must register at the University of Essex in October 2024 or January 2025 for the first year of a full-time Masters course in academic year 2024-25 only, leading to the degree of:
 - MA, MSc, LLM, MRes, MPP, MBM
- The award cannot be held in conjunction with any other University of Essex scholarships. 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 scholarship is available for the first year of Masters study only.
- 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:

- 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 the Academic Excellence International Masters Scholarship regardless of meeting the above criteria:

- Students studying a postgraduate course at East 15 Acting School.
- Students studying a course that is normally delivered wholly online by Kaplan Open Learning, operating as University of Essex Online.
- Courses below Masters level: including, but not limited to, Graduate Certificates, Graduate Diplomas, Postgraduate Certificates (PGCerts), and Postgraduate Diplomas (PGDips).
- 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 who are fully or partly sponsored.
- Students who are joining Essex through a link agreement which includes a discounted fee. In this case, where a student is also eligible for this award, we will apply the award which is greater in value.
- University of Essex International College (UEIC) Pathway students.
- Current students whose first year of Postgraduate study at the University of Essex, was prior to academic year 2024-25.
- Graduates of the University of Essex are not eligible for this award.

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 the academic transcripts and certificates you submit with 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.
- 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 [Postgraduate 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 2024-25. The University of Essex reserves the right to update these terms and conditions as necessary.