

# Black, Arab and mature students Bursary 2024-25

The University of Essex is offering a £500 bursary to black, Arab or mature students progressing from undergraduate study at the University of Essex, to a postgraduate Masters course in academic year 2024-25 and are self-funding all of their tuition fee.

## Terms and conditions

### Eligibility

- These scholarships are restricted to students who are entirely self-funded\*.
- Students must have an ethnic origin of Black or Arab or have been classed as a mature student at undergraduate level (students who start their undergraduate degree at 21 or over).
- The award is available to students starting an eligible postgraduate Masters course in academic year 2024-25, who have previously completed their undergraduate studies at the University of Essex. This applies whether progressing directly or following a gap in study.
- Students must register for a full-time or part-time postgraduate Masters course, leading to the degree of MA, MSc, MBA, LL.M, MFA, MAPH, or MRes at the University of Essex in October 2024 or January 2025.
- This bursary may be held in conjunction with other University of Essex scholarships and discounts, for example, the Alumni Loyalty Discount 2024-25.
- 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 Ireland
- 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 undertaking a Postgraduate course that is normally delivered wholly online
- Students studying the following:
  - Further exchange study
  - Executive (modular) MBA study
  - Credit accumulation study
  - Professional development modules
  - Degree Apprenticeship programmes
- This bursary does not apply to deferred entry. Where a bursary has been awarded to a student who subsequently defers entry to the following academic year, the award will be withdrawn, and the applicant will be considered again in line with the terms and conditions that apply in the new proposed year of entry.

## **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 information provided at the point of registration for your course.

For mature students, the University will identify your eligibility by your mature status during your undergraduate study.

## **Payment arrangements**

- The bursary is worth £500 for the first year of study in 2024-25 only. Payment will be made in one instalment in February 2025, by bank transfer. You must open a UK bank account and we will contact you by email before each payment date to request that you enter your bank details into My Essex so payment can be made.
- Students must be registered and meet the above conditions to receive payment. 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.

- Please note that if our records show that you are in debt to the University when an award payment is due, the payment will be offset against your student account in the first instance, and you will be entitled to receive any balance.

## **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 2024-25. The University of Essex reserves the right to update these terms and conditions as necessary.*