

University of Essex Bursary

2023-24

We are offering all eligible UK undergraduate students entering the University in 2023, a cash bursary worth £2,000 over three academic years:

Year applicable	Award amount
Year 1	£1,000.00
Year 2	£500.00
Year 3	£500.00

Terms and conditions

Eligibility

- This bursary is restricted to students who are eligible for UK home fees and funding, and ordinarily resident in the UK (overseas and EU students are not eligible).
- You must be commencing their studies in the first year (year 1*) of a full-time undergraduate degree, with first registration at Essex in 2023-24**.
- You must have received an offer of admission for entry in 2023-24 and have fully registered on your course. This includes if you are applying through the clearing process.
- You must have applied for and have been *approved* for funding from Student Finance England (or other UK funding provider) with the University of Essex as your chosen institution. You must have requested a *means-tested assessment* for funding to Student Finance England and have been assessed as having an annual household income of up to £25,000.
- Successful applicants should be available for promotional activities.

*Students must be starting at Essex in year 1 of their course, not entering via the direct entry route.

**Students who have completed a Certificate in Higher Education at Essex and re-register for an eligible course will be treated as new students for the purposes of the bursary.

Students who are not eligible

The following students are NOT eligible for this scholarship regardless of meeting the above criteria:

- Students undertaking courses at Higher or Degree Apprenticeships.
- Students who are directly continuing from one course to another (for example from foundation degree or HND on to the final year of an honours degree).
- Students undertaking a foundation year or Year 0.
- Students transferring in from another UK higher education institution or entering after a period of break, but not in their first year of higher education.
- This award 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a bursary has been awarded to a student who subsequently defers entry to the following academic year, the award will be withdrawn, and the applicant will be considered again in line with the terms and conditions that apply in the new proposed year of entry.
- Students undertaking a degree that is normally delivered wholly online.
- Students who are fully or partly sponsored.

What is “Ordinary Residence”?

For the purposes of assessing eligibility for the bursary, you must have been ordinarily resident in the UK, for the three-year period prior to commencing your course. Ordinarily resident means that you must have been habitually, normally, and lawfully, residing in one of the countries listed, from choice, for the specified period. The three-year period for courses starting in October 2023 is calculated as 1 September 2020 to 1 September 2023. Temporary absences during this three-year period may be permitted at the discretion of the relevant University officer. Students may be asked to provide documentary evidence to determine ordinary residence and an assessment of whether a student meets the ordinary residence criteria will normally be made by the Head of Admissions or their nominee, and their decision will be final.

How to apply

If you meet all the eligibility criteria above, you will automatically be awarded the University of Essex Bursary and you will be notified by the end of November. You do not need to complete an application form. You will be automatically reassessed for the subsequent two years of study.

If you are eligible for the University of Essex Bursary, we will notify you by the end of November each year.

If you become eligible during the year you will be entitled to the bursary for that academic year and payment will be arranged with you individually.

Payment arrangements and changes in year

The bursary will be paid directly into your bank account registered with Student Finance England in instalments during the relevant academic year. Instalment payment dates will be published annually, and payments will normally be made in two equal instalments in December and February. Payments will only be made to students who are registered for full-time study at the time the payment takes place.

This bursary can be held in conjunction with other University awards.

Withdrawing Intermitting or Repeating

If you withdraw from your studies completely, or are required to withdraw, no further outstanding payments will be made.

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.

If you are repeating the whole or part of your year of study, you will not be eligible to receive the bursary during that year.

Study Abroad or Industrial Placement year

The bursary will not be made available during a full year of study abroad or industrial placement, (normally the third year of a four-year degree).

Household Income

Each academic year, your household income will be reassessed by Student Finance England and if it rises above the threshold, you will no longer be eligible for the University of Essex Bursary and no further payments will be made to you. Your household income needs to remain below the threshold to be eligible for the award each year.

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 2023-24. The University of Essex reserves the right to update these terms and conditions as necessary.