

Africa Scholarship 2025-26

If you're an international student from a member state of the [African Union](#) and are self-funding your postgraduate studies you could be eligible for a scholarship, 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 below table outlines the scholarship amount and academic requirement depending in the country that you are ordinarily resident in.

Country	Scholarship	Academic Requirement
Egypt	£6,500	2:1 or above (or equivalent as defined by our Postgraduate Admissions selection criteria)
Ghana	£4,500	2:1, or CGPA 3.0/4.0 or above or CGPA 3.5/5.0
Nigeria	£4,500	CGPA 3/5 or above or CGPA 2.50/4.0, or 4.00/6.00 or 4.00/7.00 OR A pass grade for Medical Degrees awarded by an approved Nigerian Institution
All other member states of the African Union	£4,500	2:1 or above (or equivalent as defined by our Postgraduate Admissions selection criteria)

Terms and conditions

You will also be considered for this award if you are ordinarily resident in an African country above and you either (1) have a degree from a recognised UK university, other than the University of Essex, with a 2:1 or above; or (2) an equivalent qualification (as defined by our qualification equivalence guidance from any of the following countries:

Country	Country
Australia	Malaysia

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Bangladesh	Mexico
Brazil	Nepal
Canada	Norway
Chile	Pakistan
China	Russia
Colombia	Sri Lanka
Hong Kong	Taiwan
India	Thailand
Indonesia	Turkey
Japan	Ukraine
Jordan	USA
Kazakhstan	Vietnam

Eligibility

- These scholarships are restricted to students who are overseas fee payers and are entirely self-funded*.
- Students must be ordinarily resident (see below for the definition of ordinary residence) in a member state of the African Union.
- Students must have been awarded an undergraduate degree (this includes integrated Masters degrees) with the grade specified or above. We are not able to consider students on the basis of a postgraduate qualification that they hold (other than an integrated Masters) A higher Masters grade cannot be taken to compensate for a lower Bachelors grade;
- Students must register at the University of Essex in October 2025 or January 2026 for the first year of a full-time Masters course in academic year 2025-26 only, leading to the degree of:
 - MA, MSc, LL.M, MFA, MPP, MBM

- These scholarships may be awarded to students who have completed relevant university studies in one of the specified countries above.
- 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 whichever award is greater in value.
- This scholarship is available for the first year of taught Masters study at Essex only;
- Successful students should be available for promotional activities.

*Students receiving a repayable loan to fund their studies will be considered as self-funded.

Students who are not eligible

The following students are NOT eligible for the PG Africa Regional Scholarship regardless of meeting the above criteria:

- 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).
- Students awarded the scholarship who defer entry to following academic years will be ineligible to receive the award and will be considered in line with the terms and conditions that apply in the new proposed year of entry.
- Students who are fully or partly sponsored by their government or other external agency and are not required to make any repayments (this does not include VISA sponsorship)
- University of Essex International College (UEIC) Pathway students.
- Students who are assessed as paying home tuition fees.
- Current students whose first year of Postgraduate study at the University of Essex, was prior to academic year 2025-26.
- Students transferring from another higher education institution.

What is “Ordinary Residence”?

For the purposes of assessing eligibility for the scholarship, you must have been ordinarily resident in an African nation (defined as a member state of the African Union), for the three-year period prior to commencing your course. Ordinarily resident means that you must have been habitually, normally and lawfully, residing in an African nation, from choice, for the specified period. The three-year period for

courses starting in October 2025 is calculated as 1 September 2022 to 1 September 2025. 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, 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 2025-26. The University of Essex reserves the right to update these terms and conditions as necessary.