

University of Essex GREAT Scholarships 2025-26

Kenya, Italy, Malaysia and Spain

In partnership with the British Council and the GREAT Britain Campaign, the University of Essex is proud to be able to offer three (4) University of Essex GREAT Scholarships for applicants from Kenya, Italy, Malaysia and Spain.

The GREAT Scholarships programme is a joint initiative by the British Council and the UK Government, designed to attract some of the brightest postgraduates from around the world to study at UK universities. It is launched by the British Council together with 49 UK universities, supports postgraduate students from Bangladesh, China (mainland), Egypt, France, Ghana, Greece, Kenya, India, Indonesia, Italy, Malaysia, Mexico, Nigeria, Pakistan, Spain, Thailand, Turkey and Vietnam to access world-class UK higher education opportunities. For more information on the GREAT Scholarships 2024-25, please visit [Study UK](#).

The University of Essex GREAT Scholarships 2024-25 are valued at £10,000, which must be used towards the cost of tuition fees for:

- **Any** one-year taught Master's (MA, MSc) degree offered at the University of Essex for applicants from **Italy, Malaysia and Spain**.
- And one-year taught Master's degree of **Justice and Law** at the University of Essex for applicants from **Kenya** in the following eligible subjects: Human Rights, Criminal Justice, Criminal law, Immigration Law, Comparative Law or Criminology.

In addition to the normal criteria for admission to the chosen University of Essex Master's degree, a GREAT Scholar must be:

- Active in the field with work experience or with a proven interest in the proposed subject area
- Able to demonstrate their motivation and academically be able to follow and benefit from an Essex postgraduate taught course
- Willing to embody the UK Higher Education experience, by attending lectures and tutorials and engaging with extra-curricular activities, and act as an ambassador for UK Higher Education, by promoting the value of studying at a UK HEI

- Willing to act as a spokesperson in the relevant subject space
- Willing to establish an engagement with the UK as a scholar, through personal and academic fulfilment
- Willing to attend related events in the UK upon invitation from the British Council
- Willing to demonstrate future contribution to capacity-building and socioeconomic advancement in the climate change space through the benefits achieved after graduating from UK higher education
- As an alumnus of the UK, be willing occasionally to speak to potential candidates about his or her own experience of studying in the UK.

Terms and conditions

Eligibility

- You must hold a passport from an eligible country (Kenya, Italy, Malaysia, Spain)
- Be classed as an overseas fee payer and entirely self-funded*.

*Students receiving a repayable loan to fund their studies will be considered as self-funded.
- Hold an offer (conditional or unconditional) to start a one-year full time masters degree on the provided subject list starting in October 2025.
- Have a background of extracurricular activities relating to your subject area.
- Only one scholarship award can be made per student and the award cannot normally be held in conjunction with other University of Essex awards.

Students who are not eligible

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

- Students who are fully or partly sponsored.
- Students awarded the scholarship who defer entry to following academic years will not be eligible to receive the award.
- Students who are not assessed as paying home fees.

How to apply

Please complete the application form and submit to greatscholarships@essex.ac.uk **31 May 2025**. Successful applicants will be notified on or before 30 June 2025.

To help you prepare, we have outlined the information you will need below:

Personal details and application information

You will need your:

- Essex Application ID (if you're a Postgraduate Student)
- Course or programme of study you've been accepted for
- Name
- Email address
- Nationality
- Country of residence
- Current or most recent educational institution
- Details of any other funding you are due to receive
- Copy of your passport

Application questions

There are three questions which you will need to complete. The maximum word count for each question is 200 words. The questions are:

1. We are looking to support the brightest and best individuals who will actively contribute to the development of their home nation in the future. Please describe any special attributes or accomplishments that you think make you deserving of a University of Essex-GREAT Scholarship 2025-26?

This could be any academic or extra-curricular achievements, as well as your reasons for applying to the scholarship programme.

2. We are looking for scholars who will be great ambassadors for the University of Essex. Please give an example of when you have recently contributed to your community?

This could be your School or University, where you live, or any other community you feel a part of.

3. We would like to support students who have clear goals for their future. Please explain how studying your chosen programme at the University of Essex will help you to shape your plans after graduation?

Explain what has attracted you to study at the University of Essex, as well as outlining your ultimate career goals.

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.

Data Privacy Statement

The University of Essex takes confidentiality very seriously, your application form will only be seen by members of staff involved in processing your application. Information is kept in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) as it applies in the UK, tailored by the Data Protection Act 2018. Personal data will be used solely for statistical purposes and electronic record keeping and may be made available to authorised University staff to allow statistical information to be analysed.

This data will not be passed to any other third party without your consent, except when the University is required to do so by law. Any formal enquiries concerning the use of data noted here should be addressed to the Head of Student Services.

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 University of Essex GREAT scholarships for academic year 2025-26. The University of Essex reserves the right to update these terms and conditions as necessary.