

University of Essex Women in STEM Scholarship 2024-25

The Women in STEM scholarship programme, funded by the British Council, provides funding for women from eligible countries to complete a one-year master's degree in the UK.

The scholarship is intended to cover all costs (up to approved limits for each element) associated with the programme study including:

Type of award	Funding available
<p>Full-funding award</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Tuition fees for one year taught masters course only. ■ Up to 12-months monthly stipend at the rate of £1,347 per month, to cover costs of living, including accommodation. ■ *IELTS exam fee (for scholars without a valid test of English). ■ *Return economy-class travel from home country to UK. ■ *Study-related costs, such as essential travel, materials, equipment, thesis printing etc. ■ *Visa and insurance / NHS surcharge costs. ■ *Ad hoc costs (heavy baggage allowance, etc.) <p>*Please note evidence will be required for these expenses</p>

Terms and conditions

Eligibility

- Be a passport holder and permanent resident of Brazil
- Be a self-funded* female** overseas fee payer

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

****Please note this scholarship is open for women and anyone identifying as a woman**

- Hold an offer (conditional or unconditional) to start a one-year full time masters degree on one of the following courses within the School of Mathematics, Statistics and Actuarial Science or the School of Computer Science and Electronic Engineering, starting in October 2024.
 - MSc in Data Science and its Applications
 - MSc Artificial Intelligence and its applications
 - MSc Applied Data Science
 - MSc Data Science
 - MSc Artificial Intelligence
 - MSc Big Data and Text Analytics
 - MSc Optimisation and Data Analytics
 - MSc Advanced Computer Science
 - MSc Financial Technology
 - MSc Computer Engineering
 - MSc Computer Networks and Security
 - MSc Electronic Engineering
 - MSc 5G and Emerging Communications Systems
 - MSc Intelligent Systems and Robotics
- Only one scholarship award can be made per student and the award cannot normally be held in conjunction with other University of Essex awards.
- Meet the entry requirement of University of Essex for the course you apply for, including academic equivalents and English language.
- The candidate must have completed all components of an undergraduate degree at the time of submitting the application for the scholarship; British Council can consider final awards pending on a case-by-case basis.
- Demonstrate case for financial support / socio-economic need

- Not be in receipt of financial support or funding towards your study programme in the UK from any other source and not be able to privately fund your UK studies.
- Preference will be given to candidates who have not had any international exposure prior to this scheme.
- Have not previously studied at degree level or higher in the UK or lived recently in the UK. Distance learning at a UK university or study at a UK branch campus in another country will also be considered as studying in the UK.
- Indicate your preference for course and institution in the case of applying to multiple institutions.
- Be motivated and academically able to follow and benefit from a UK postgraduate taught course.
- Be active in the field with work experience or with a proven interest in the proposed subject area.
- Be willing to demonstrate future contribution to capacity-building and socio-economic advancement of your home country through the benefits achieved after graduating from UK higher education.
- Agree to maintain contact with the British Council and act as an ambassador for the UK and engage with activities as part of a Scholarships for Women in STEM alumnus during and after your studies in the UK.
- Demonstrate a plan and a passion to engage other women and girls in STEM from your home country.
- Agree to your personal data being shared with the British Council for purposes of assessment and promotional activity, as a condition of applying for the scholarship.
- Agree to return to their country of citizenship for a minimum of two years after their scholarship award has ended.

Students who are not eligible

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

- Students undertaking courses at East 15 Acting School.
- Students who are fully or partly sponsored
- These scholarship awards do 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 not assessed as paying overseas fees.

How to apply

Please complete the application form and submit to bcwomeninstem@essex.ac.uk by **30th April 2024**. Successful applicants will be notified on or before 24 June 2023.

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
- 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

Payment arrangements

- These scholarships will only be made available as a reduction on the tuition fee that is payable on registration at the University. Payments will be made by stipend via a bank transfer. Please note 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 Women in STEM scholarships for academic year 2024-25. The University of Essex reserves the right to update these terms and conditions as necessary.