

# International Baccalaureate Excellence Scholarship 2025-26

The University is awarding scholarships of £2,000 to students entering the University for the first time in October 2025 who achieve academic excellence in their International Baccalaureate. The scholarship is available for the first year of undergraduate degree study only.

## Terms and conditions

### Eligibility

- Students must have obtained 34 points or above in the International Baccalaureate.
- These scholarships are available to both Home and Overseas fee payers with any funding status.
- Students must register for the first year (Year 1) of a full-time undergraduate degree\*\* at the University of Essex in October 2025-26.
- Students must have received an offer of admission for entry to the University of Essex for 2025-26 and must actively make Essex their firm choice.
- The award can be held in conjunction with any other University of Essex scholarships.
- Students must register for a full-time undergraduate degree\* at the University of Essex with first enrolment at the University of Essex in 2025-26.
- This scholarship is available for the first year of study (Year 1) at undergraduate level in 2025-26 only.
- Successful students should be available for promotional activities.

\*Courses leading to the award of a Diploma of Higher Education, Bachelors Degree, Integrated Masters (four years)

### Students who are not eligible

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

- University of Essex International College (UEIC) Pathway students.

- Students on Higher/Degree Apprenticeship courses.
- Students undertaking a degree that is normally delivered wholly online.
- Students whose tuition fees are already subject to a course related discount e.g., LLB Licence English and French Law.
- 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 transferring into the second and third year from another institution.
- Students directly continuing from one course to another (for example from Foundation degree or HND on to the final year of an honours degree).
- Current students whose first year of undergraduate study at the University of Essex, was prior to academic year 2025-26.

## 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. If you are eligible, you will be notified via email from August 2024 and within 2 weeks of meeting the eligibility criteria.

## Payment arrangements

- The scholarship is worth £2,000 for the first year of study only. Payment will be made in two instalments, normally in February and May 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 for full-time study 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.
- If this scholarship is not claimed by 30 June 2026 then the award will be removed and you will no longer be eligible to receive.

## Resolution of disputes

Acceptance of this award constitutes acceptance of these terms and conditions. Applicants should contact the [Undergraduate 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.*