

Academic Excellence International Masters Scholarship 2024-25

If you are an international student, and are self-funding your postgraduate studies, you could be eligible for a scholarship worth up to £7,000. Scholarship awards differ according to your country of residence and are based on grades obtained in your undergraduate degree, or if you have passed a Masters degree. Applications for relevant courses will automatically be considered for the scholarship.

The scholarship is awarded as a tuition fee waiver for the amount specified and is available for postgraduate taught Masters courses.

The 'Eligibility' section below provides full details of the eligibility criteria for this scholarship.

To be eligible for this award you will need to:

- be ordinarily resident in one of the countries specified in the table below, **and**;
- have an undergraduate degree (or Masters degree) awarded by an institution based in one of the countries listed in the table below, or an undergraduate degree awarded by an institution based in the UK, **and**;
- have met the academic requirement for that country, as specified in the table below, or have achieved a UK 2:1.

If you are eligible on the basis of holding an undergraduate or Masters degree which is not from your country of residence (so for example you are resident in India, and hold an undergraduate degree from China) and there are two values for your country of residence, you will be awarded the higher value.

If you are eligible on the basis of holding a Masters degree from your country of residence, and your country of residence has two levels of awards (for example, £3,000 and £5,000), you will be awarded the higher value.

If your country of residence has two levels of awards (for example, £3,000 and £5,000) and you hold an undergraduate degree which qualifies for the lower amount and a Masters degree which qualifies for the higher amount, you will be awarded the higher value.

If eligible, the amount you will be awarded is the scholarship award for **your country of ordinary residence, and not the country your degree is from** – if this is different.

Country	Academic Requirement	Scholarship Award
Argentina	7.5/10	£4,000
Azerbaijan	3/5, 60% or overall 'fair' grade from Economic University/ State University of Economics, Baku State University, Technical University, University of Foreign Languages, Moscow State University (Baku branch), Qafqaz University, or Khazar University, OR 3.5/5, 70% or overall 'satisfactory' grade from any other institution (regardless of whether institution is Azeri).	£4,000
Bahrain	CGPA 3.0 or above	£4,000
Bangladesh	CGPA 3.2/60%/B in a 4-year degree	£5,000
Brazil	75/100 or 7.5/10 or B+	£4,000
Bolivia	75/100 for students who graduate from private institutions, or 66/100 for students who graduate from public institutions	£4,000
Cambodia	CGPA 3.2 or above	£4,000
Canada	A, or CGPA 3.5/4, or CGPA 8/9, or 85% (where pass mark is 60%), or 84% (where pass mark is 50%)	£3,000
Chile	75% or 6/7	£3,000
China	70% or 2.0 CGPA from Tier 1, 75% or 2.5 from Tier 2 universities	£2,500
Colombia	4/5	£4,000
Costa Rica	8/10	£4,000
Dominican Republic	85% or CGPA 3.50	£4,000
Ecuador	8/10	£4,000
El Salvador	7.5/10	£4,000
Guatemala	Public Universities 70% / Private Universities 80%	£4,000

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Hong Kong	CGPA 3.0 or above	£2,000
India	October 2024 intake: Tier 2 60% or CGPA 6.5/10 or CGPA 2.6/4	£3,000
	October 2024 and January 2025 intake: Tier 1 55% or CGPA 6/10 or CGPA 2.4/4	£4,000
Indonesia	CGPA 3.0 or above	£4,000 for October intake £6,000 for January intake
Iran	14/20	£4,500
Japan	B or CGPA 2.5/4	£4,000
Jordan	CGPA 3.0 or above	£3,000
Kazakhstan	5 (excellent) OR 3.75/4.0, 4/4.33 and 4.0/5.0	£3,000
Lebanon	16/20	£3,000
Malaysia	CGPA 3.25 or above	£4,000
Mexico	80%	£4,000
Myanmar	Masters degree B+ or 60% or 3.5/5 or 3.0/4.0 Undergraduate degree awarded by the following institutions with an academic requirement of 75% or 4.5/5.0 - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • University of Yangon • Mandalay University 	£4,000
Nepal	57% or CGPA 2.50/4.00	£5,000 for October intake £7,000 for January intake
	55% or CGPA 2.30/4.00	£3,000 for October intake £5,000 for January intake
Nicaragua	80%	£4,000
Norway	B	£3,000
	65% or above, where pass mark is 33%, or	£5,000

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Pakistan	70% or above, where pass mark is 50%, or 80% or above where the pass mark is 60%, or CGPA 3.00 or above	
	63% or above, where pass mark is 33%, or 65% or above, where pass mark is 50%, or 75% or above where the pass mark is 60%, or CGPA 2.90 or above	£4,000
Panama	B or 81%	£4,000
Paraguay	80% or 4/5	£4,000
Peru	15/20	£4,000
Philippines	Grade point: 1.75/5.0; grade point: 3.0/4.0 (percentage: 92-95; alternative names: Very good, <i>Magna cum laude</i> ; English translation or equivalent: 2:1)	£4,000
Russia	CGPA 4.5 or above	£2,000
Sri Lanka	70% or A (where degree awarded before 2010), or B+ or CGPA 3.25 (where degree awarded after 2010)	£5,000 for October intake £7,000 for January intake
	55% or B (where degree awarded before 2010), or B or CGPA 3.00 (where degree awarded after 2010)	£3,000 for October intake £5,000 for January intake
Taiwan	70% (national institution), 75% (other institution)	£4,000
Thailand	Undergraduate degree awarded by the following institutions only - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chulalongkorn University, • Mahidol University, • King Mongkut's University of Technology, • Mae Fah Luang University, 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chiang Mai University, Thammasat University, Kasetsart University 	
	CGPA 2.8 or above	£5,000
	CGPA 2.55 or above	£4,000
	Undergraduate degree awarded by all other institutions (those not noted above) -	
	CGPA 3.5 or above	£5,000
	CGPA 3.0 or above	£4,000
Turkey	CGPA 3.00+ OR 75%	£4,000
UK	2.1 or above	£2,000
Uruguay	8.5/12	£4,000
USA	CGPA 3.25 or above	£3,000
Venezuela	15/20	£4,000
Vietnam	CGPA 8/10 or above or CGPA 3.5/4 or above	£5,000 for October intake £7,000 for January intake
	CGPA 7/10 or above or CGPA 3/4 or above	£3,000 for October intake £5,000 for January intake

Terms and conditions

Eligibility

- These scholarships are restricted to students who are overseas fee payers and are entirely self-funded*.
- These scholarships may be awarded to students who have completed relevant university studies in one of the specified countries. Where a degree has been awarded by an institution based in the UK, students must have been domiciled in one of the other specified countries.
- Graduates of the University of Essex are not eligible for this award.
- If you are ordinarily resident in one of the countries listed and you have an undergraduate degree awarded by an institution based in the UK **and** have achieved a 2:1 or above – you will also be eligible for this scholarship. The amount awarded will be based on the country where you are ordinarily resident. Applicants will not be eligible for an award based on holding a Masters degree from the UK.
- Awards made by an institution based in one of the specified countries above, but delivered in another country, will also be eligible.
- Students must have been awarded an undergraduate degree (this includes integrated Masters degrees) with the grade specified or above. A higher Masters grade cannot be taken to compensate for a lower Bachelors grade.
- Students must register at the University of Essex in October 2024 or January 2025 for the first year of a full-time Masters course in academic year 2024-25 only, leading to the degree of:
 - MA, MSc, LLM, MRes, MPP, MBM
- 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 the award which is greater in value.
- This scholarship is available for the first year of Masters study only.
- Successful applicants should be available for promotional activities.

*Students receiving a repayable loan to fund their studies will be considered as self-funded. This includes, but isn't restricted to tuition fee loans from the following bodies:

- US Federal Direct Loans
- Norwegian State Loan (Lanekassen),
- Swedish Board of Student Finance (CSN),

- Social Insurance Institution of Finland (KELA)
- Denmark State Educational Grant and Loan Scheme.

Students who are not eligible

The following students are NOT eligible for the Academic Excellence International Masters 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).
- This scholarship award does 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 fully or partly sponsored.
- Students who are joining Essex through a link agreement which includes a discounted fee. In this case, where a student is also eligible for this award, we will apply the award which is greater in value.
- University of Essex International College (UEIC) Pathway students.
- Current students whose first year of Postgraduate study at the University of Essex, was prior to academic year 2024-25.
- Graduates of the University of Essex are not eligible for this award.

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 2024-25. The University of Essex reserves the right to update these terms and conditions as necessary.