

Hong Kong Academic Excellence Scholarship 2020-21

The University is awarding undergraduate scholarships of £3,000 to students entering the University for the first time in 2020 who achieve academic excellence in their pre-University qualifications. The scholarship is available for the first year of undergraduate degree¹ study only.

Terms and conditions

The terms and conditions for the Hong Kong Academic Excellence Scholarship offered in the academic year 2020-21 are as follows:

1. Eligibility

You must meet all of the following conditions:

- have received an offer of admission for entry to the University of Essex for 2020-21;
- have registered for a full-time undergraduate degree¹ at the University of Essex with first enrolment at the University of Essex in 2020-21;
- Applicants must actively make Essex their firm choice by 19 July 2020. Applicants that become firm with Essex through rejection by their original firm choice selection elsewhere are not eligible;
- be in your first year of study at the University at the start of the award;
- have obtained AAB or above in A-levels (or equivalent);
- these scholarships are restricted to applicants who are classified as international students for fees purposes, are permanently resident in Hong Kong.
- Successful applicants should be available for promotional activities

The following students are NOT eligible for the Hong Kong Academic Excellence Scholarship regardless of meeting the above criteria:

- students undertaking courses at East 15 Acting School;
- students on Higher/Degree Apprenticeship courses;
- students who are fully or partly sponsored.
- students directly continuing from one course to another (for example from Foundation degree or HND on to the final year of an honours degree);
- students transferring into the second year from another UK higher education institution.
- University of Essex International College (UEIC) Pathway students

2. How do I apply?

If you achieve the necessary grades and meet all other eligibility criteria you will be notified from August onwards. You do not need to complete an application form.

¹ Courses leading to the award of a Diploma of Higher Education, Foundation Degree, Bachelors Degree, Integrated Masters (four years)

3. How will I be paid?

The bursary is worth £3,000 for the first year of study only. Payment will be made in two instalments, normally in February and May by bank transfer. Students must be registered for full-time study in order to receive payment (see scholarship suspension below). Please note that if our records show that you are in debt to the University when an award payment is due to be made, the payment will be offset against your student account in the first instance and you will be entitled to receive any balance.

4. Am I eligible for other University financial support?

The Hong Kong Academic Excellence Scholarship may not be held in conjunction with other University awards.

5. Scholarship suspension

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.

6. Scholarship termination

If you withdraw from your studies, or are required to withdraw, no further payments will be made. Your scholarship will be terminated if you cease to be registered as a student with the University, or for good cause at the discretion of the Dean of the student's Faculty, or his/her nominee for this purpose.

8. Dispute resolution

Acceptance of the scholarship 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 a scholarship or bursary, final appeals on decisions regarding eligibility must be made via the Student Complaints process. The Academic Registrar or his/her nominee will review the case and his/her decision will be final.

Note: These terms and conditions apply to International Baccalaureate Excellence Scholarships awarded to students first enrolling with the University in the academic year 2020-21. The University of Essex reserves the right to update these terms and conditions as necessary.