

Schools Membership Plus (SMP) Bursary 2020-21

The University is offering a £1,000 cash bursary to support students from the listed School Membership Plus UK schools and colleges progressing into higher education.

Terms and conditions

Eligibility

Our bursary is available for students from SMP schools listed below applying for undergraduate courses who make the University of Essex their firm choice with UCAS by 18 September 2020*, and register with us for the academic year 2020-21. The school/college must be included as one of our SMP schools, either on or before 18 September 2020.

* This includes applicants who apply to the University through the UCAS Clearing process.

1. Attleborough Academy Norfolk
2. Brentwood County High School
3. Cecil Jones Academy
4. Chase High School
5. Chelmsford Academy
6. Christ the King Sixth Form College: Aquinas
7. Christ The King Sixth Form College: Emmanuel
8. Christ the King Sixth Form College: St Mary's
9. City and Islington College, CANDI Sixth Form College
10. City College Norwich
11. Clacton Coastal Academy
12. Clacton County High School
13. Colchester County High School for Girls
14. Copleston High School
15. Harlow College
16. Harwich and Dovercourt High School
17. Havering Sixth Form College
18. Heddingham School and Sixth Form
19. Hylands Schools
20. Northgate High School
21. Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form
22. Palmer's College (USP)
23. Plume - Maldon's Community Academy
24. Robert Clack School School of Science
25. Seevic College
26. Shoeburyness High School
27. St Angela's Ursuline School
28. St Charles Catholic Sixth Form College
29. St Francis Xavier Sixth Form College
30. Ortu Sixth Form Centre (Stanford and Corringham)
31. Suffolk One Sixth Form College
32. Tendring Technology College
33. The Basildon Upper Academy
34. The Colne Community School and College
35. The FitzWimarc School
36. The Jo Richardson Community School

37. The King Edmund School
38. The Philip Morant School and College
39. The Royal Hospital School
40. The Sixth Form College Colchester
41. Thomas Gainsborough School
42. Thurstable School
43. Witham Sixth Forms (Maltings & New Rickstones)

To be eligible you must meet all of the following conditions:

- Complete your studies at one of our Schools Membership Plus schools/colleges in 2020
- Make the University of Essex their firm choice with UCAS by 18 September 2020
- Progress directly from your studies at one of the named schools membership schools/colleges
- Register for your first year of study for a full-time undergraduate degree¹ at the University of Essex in starting in October 2020

Students who are not eligible

The following students are not eligible for this award regardless of meeting the above criteria:

- Students on Higher/Degree Apprenticeship courses
- Students with direct entry into the second year
- Students studying online distance learning courses
- These scholarships do not apply to deferred entry. Where a student, to whom a scholarship has been offered and requests deferred entry, the award will be considered again in line with the terms and conditions that apply in the new proposed year of entry (if the scholarship is on offer in that year of study)
- 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.

How to apply

If you meet all the eligibility criteria above you will be contacted regarding the bursary; you do not need to complete an application form.

Payment arrangements

The bursary is worth £1,000 for the first year of study only. Payment will be made in two instalments, normally in February and May. Students must be registered for full-time study in order to receive payment (see bursary 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.

¹ 1 Eligible courses are full time courses leading to the award of a Foundation Degree, Bachelor's Degree or Integrated Masters (four years), or year 0 of an Essex Pathways Degree course;

Can I hold this with other awards?

This bursary may be held in conjunction with one other University awards.

Bursary suspension

The bursary will be suspended during a period of approved leave of absence (intermission) where this period covers a whole or part of an academic year, and may be reinstated on your return to full-time study subject to the conditions above. On your return to study you will be entitled to the balance of the bursary for the stage. There will be no payment for repeat periods of study in any circumstances.

Scholarship termination

If you withdraw from your studies, or are required to withdraw, no further payments will be made. Your bursary 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 their nominee for this purpose.

Resolution of disputes

Acceptance of the bursary 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 their nominee will review the case and their decision will be final.

NOTE: These terms and conditions apply to SMP bursaries awarded to students for the academic year 2020-21. The University of Essex reserves the right to update these terms and conditions as necessary.