

# Academic Excellence International Masters Scholarship 2017-18

If you're an international student, took your undergraduate degree overseas or in the UK and are self-funding your postgraduate studies, you could be eligible for a scholarship worth up to £4,000, paid as a discount on your tuition fee. Awards will be made on the basis of grades obtained in your first degree, so all applications for relevant courses will automatically be considered. The scholarship is awarded as a partial tuition fee waiver and is available for students on postgraduate taught Masters courses (excluding MBA).

All our relevant course applications, received by the given deadline, will automatically be considered for this scholarship and a fee discount applied to all who meet our grade requirements. If you have a degree from any of the following countries, these are the academic requirements and the value of the award:

Country	Academic requirement	Scholarship award
Bangladesh	70% or A- or CGPA 3.5 in a 4-year degree	£4,000
Canada	Equivalent of a UK first	£2,000
China	75% from Tier 1, 80% from Tier 2 and 85% from Tier 3 Universities	£2,500
Ghana	CGPA 3.0/4.0 or above	£4,000
Hong Kong	First class	£2,000
India	NOOSR Tier 1 or Tier 2 – 60%	£4,000
Indonesia	CGPA 3.25 or above	£4,000
Japan	B	£3,000
Jordan	CGPA 3.0 or above	£2,000
Kazakhstan	5 (excellent) OR 3.75/4.0, 4/4.33 and 4.5/5.0	£3,000
Malaysia	CGPA 3.25 or above	£4,000
Nigeria	CGPA 3/5 or above	£4,000
Norway	B	£3,000
Pakistan	1st Division	£4,000
Russia	CGPA 4.5 or above	£2,000

Taiwan	70% (national institution), 75% (other institution)	£3,000
Thailand	CGPA 3.25 or above	£2,000
Turkey	CGPA 3.00+ OR 75%	£4,000
USA	CGPA 3.25 or above	£2,000
Vietnam	CGPA 7.0 or above	£4,000

If you are a national of one of the countries listed above and you have a degree from a recognised **UK university other than Essex with First Class or Upper Second Class Honours**, you may be eligible for an award worth £2,000.

## Terms and conditions

### Eligibility

- These scholarships are restricted to applicants who are overseas fee payers and are entirely self-funded. They are not available to students who are fully or partly sponsored.
- These scholarships may be awarded to students who have completed relevant school or university studies in one of the specified countries, and in the case of the UK, who are nationals of one of the other specified countries.
- Graduates of the University of Essex are not eligible for this award and for eligible students with a UK degree, the amount of the award will be set at £2,000.
- Students of any nationality are eligible for the award if they have completed their first degree in one of the specified countries, apart from the UK, and achieved the required grade.
- Students must have been awarded a first degree with the grade specified or above. A higher Masters grade cannot be taken to compensate for a lower Bachelors grade.
- Eligible courses are those which are full-time taught Masters courses leading to MA, MSc, LLM, MFA and MRes degrees.
- Only one scholarship award can be made per student and the award cannot normally be held in conjunction with other University of Essex awards (including the Alumni Discount). This scholarship is available for the first year of Masters study only.
- These scholarships do not apply to deferred entry. Where a student, to whom a scholarship has been offered, 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.

### How to apply

- These scholarships will be awarded on the basis of academic merit and all academic applications will automatically be considered.
- The University will use official transcripts and certificates, submitted as part of the original application, as evidence of grades achieved and no alternative supporting evidence will be accepted.
- Applicants who have firmly accepted an offer of a place by 30 September 2017, and met the academic conditions of entry, will be considered for these scholarships. Applications submitted after that date may be considered depending on availability of funds.
- Successful applicants will be informed, in writing, by the end of October 2017 of any award to be offered.

## **Payment arrangements**

- These scholarships will only be made available as a reduction on the tuition fee that is payable on registration at the University.
- If you intermit from your course, you may, with the agreement of your department and at the discretion of the Director of Marketing and Student Recruitment, 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. 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 his/her nominee will review the case and his/her decision will be final.

## **Promotional activities**

By accepting the scholarship, recipients are giving the University permission to use their details for promotional purposes and may be asked to provide a case study which may be used in University publications or on the website.

*These terms and conditions apply to the academic year 2017-18. The University of Essex reserves the right to update these terms and conditions as necessary.*