

Academic Excellence International Masters Scholarship 2020-21 – January Start

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 £5,000, 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 courses specified below). 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
Argentina	7.5/10	£3,000
Bahrain	CGPA 3.0 or above	£4,000
Bangladesh	CGPA 3.2/ 60%/B in a 4-year degree	£5,000
Brazil	7.5/10 or B+	£3,000
Brunei	CGPA 3.0 or above	£4,000
Bolivia	75/100	£3,000
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%)	£2,000
Chile	75%	£3,000
China	75% or CGPA 2.7/4 from Tier 1, 80% or CGPA 3.2/4 from Tier 2 universities	£2,500
Colombia	4/5	£3,000
Costa Rica	8/10	£3,000
Dominican Republic	85% or CGPA 3.50	£3,000
Ecuador	8/10	£3,000
El Salvador	7.5/10	£3,000
Ghana	CGPA 3.0/4.0 or above	£4,000

Guatemala	Public Universities 70% / Private Universities 80%	£3,000
Hong Kong	CGPA 3.0 or above	£2,000
India	Tier 1 and 2 - 60% or CGPA 6.5/10, or CGPA 2.6/4	£5,000
	Tier 1 and 2 – 55% or CGPA 6/10, or CGPA 2.4/4	£3,000
	Tiers 3 – 65% or CGPA 7.5/10 or CGPA 3/4	£5,000
	Tiers 3 – 60% or CGPA 7/10 or CGPA 2.8/4	£3,000
Indonesia	CGPA 3.0 or above	£4,000
Iran	14/20	£3,000
Japan	B	£3,000
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
South Korea	CGPA 3.0/4 or 3.20/4.5	£4,000
	CGPA 2.75/4 or 3.00/4.5	£2,500
Lebanon	16/20	£3,000
Malaysia	CGPA 3.25 or above	£4,000
Mexico	80%	£3,000
Nepal	70% (first division) or CGPA 3.50/4	£5,000
	65% (first division) or CGPA 3/4	£3,000
Nicaragua	80%	£3,000
Nigeria	CGPA 3/5 or above or 2.50/4	£4,000
Norway	B	£3,000
Pakistan	65% or above, where pass mark is 33%, or 70% or above, where pass mark is 50%, or CGPA 3.00 or above	£5,000
	63% or above, where pass mark is 33%, or 65% or above, where pass mark is 50%, or CGPA 2.90 or above	£4,500

	60% or above, where pass mark is 33%, or 60% or above, where pass mark is 50%, or CGPA 2.80 or above	£3,500
	49% or above, where pass mark is 33%, or 55% or above, where pass mark is 50%, or CGPA 2.60 or above	£3,000
Panama	B or 81%	£3,000
Paraguay	80% or 4/5	£3,000
Peru	15/20	£3,000
Philippines	CGPA 1.5, in an Undergraduate degree awarded by	

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, see terms and conditions below.

Terms and conditions

Eligibility

- These scholarships are restricted to students 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 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.
- Applicants who have firmly accepted an offer of a place by 04 December 2020 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.
- Applicants who graduate from all institutions in Cambodia, Brunei, Korea, Bahrain, Thailand, Vietnam and Indonesia are also eligible.
- Successful applicants should be available for promotional activities.

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

- Students from Mexico whose fees are already discounted under the ITESM partnership are not eligible for this award.

- Students undertaking the MBA.
- Students from Uruguay whose fees are already discounted under the partnership agreement (e.g. University of Montevideo, Uruguay) will not be eligible for this award.
- 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.
- Students undertaking courses at East 15 Acting School.
- Students directly continuing from one course to another (for example from Foundation programme).

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.

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. 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.

These terms and conditions apply to the academic year 2020-21. The University of Essex reserves the right to update these terms and conditions as necessary.