

Women of the Future Scholarships 2017-18

Thirty scholarships of £20,000 each are available to non-UK women for taught masters study at Essex for 2017-18. The scholarships will be awarded on the basis of academic merit and will provide tuition fees and a stipend. Two of the awards (supported by the Edge Foundation) will be allocated to students studying in our Department of Sociology. For six of the awards (supported by Santander Universities), preference will be given to applicants from the following countries: Argentina, Brazil, Belgium, Chile, China, Colombia, Italy, France, Germany, Mexico, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Puerto Rico, Qatar, Russia, Singapore, Spain, USA, UAE and Uruguay.

Eligibility

In order to be eligible for this scholarship you must:

- be a self-funded female EU or International fee paying (fee status) applicant¹;
- be ordinarily resident in a country other than the United Kingdom;
- hold an offer of admission from our Graduate Admissions Office for a full time masters programme in any subject commencing in October 2017 by the closing date for the scholarship; the offer can be unconditional or conditional. Graduate Diplomas, PG Certificates and PG Diplomas are excluded from this award;
- receipt of the scholarships is subject to applicants firmly accepting the offer of study, registering as students of the University of Essex for the 2017-18 academic year, and meeting all conditions of our offer;
- no alternative form of the scholarship is available and the award cannot be deferred to a later year from the one for which you are admitted;
- applicants may only receive one award or tuition fee discount administered by the University of Essex. In the event that an applicant is already in receipt of another University award (including the Alumni Loyalty Discount), the larger of the two awards will be kept and the other released;
- where a student applies for and is awarded a scholarship and subsequently obtains full external funding, the University will rescind the scholarship offer;

How to apply

Please complete the online application form to apply for the scholarship. This is separate to your application for study, and instructions on returning the form and what information you need to provide are included in the document.

Selection process

Applications will only be submitted to the selection panel if you meet the eligibility criteria and hold an offer of study for a taught postgraduate place by the closing date of 31 May 2017. Our Women of the Future Scholarships support talented postgraduate students who can demonstrate an excellent academic background and the potential for future achievement, as well as financial need. We will use the information you provide on your original course application and your scholarship application to make our selection. The final selection is made by a panel of academic and administrative staff of the University of Essex.

Successful applications

¹ Note, recipients of repayable government student loans are considered to be self-funded.

Successful candidates will normally be notified by mid-July 2017 by our Funding Team. Acceptance of the scholarship constitutes acceptance of these terms and conditions. A scholarship will not commence until the student formally registers on a relevant course at the University of Essex.

Scholarship payment

The scholarships will be awarded in the form of a discount on tuition fees for the 2017-18 academic year only and the balance of the award will be provided in the form of a stipend. The fee element will be deducted automatically, and the stipend making up the balance will be paid in three annual instalments. The scholarship is offered for the first year of masters study only.

Transferability

Change of course within the University of Essex will not affect the continuation of a scholarship, providing that the student continues to be registered on an eligible course within the same department.

Intermission

The University expects students to complete their training in a single continuous period, and does not encourage the suspension of awards. Where suspensions are agreed, the total period of suspension must not normally exceed one calendar year. Sympathetic consideration will be given to requests for abeyance due to personal or family reasons.

Termination of scholarship

Our University will terminate a scholarship when progress or performance is deemed to be unsatisfactory. The scholarship will be terminated if a student ceases to be registered as a student with the University, or for good cause at the discretion of our Dean of Postgraduate Research & Education, or his/her nominee for this purpose. If a scholarship is terminated prematurely for any reason, a scholar must repay to the University any monies including maintenance, travel, subsistence, fees overpaid from the date of the termination of the scholarship. If a student takes up full-time employment whilst in receipt of a scholarship, the scholarship will be terminated as of the first day of employment.

Additional information for US applicants

US applicants must be either a United States national or an eligible non-citizen for the purposes of Federal Direct Loans. If you are intending to fund all or part of your studies via a US Federal Direct Loan, this scholarship will be recorded as "Expected Financial Aid" in the cost of attendance calculation and may reduce the maximum eligible loan amounts for 2017-18.

Resolution of disputes

Acceptance of this award constitutes acceptance of these terms and conditions. Registered students should contact the Student 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.

NOTE: *These terms and conditions apply to Women of the Future Scholarships awarded to students for the academic year 2017-18. The University of Essex reserves the right to update these terms and conditions as necessary.*