University of Suffolk Undergraduate Bursaries 2026-27

Important Information

- These Terms and Conditions apply to students who begin their studies from 26-27.
- University of Suffolk Bursaries are automatically assessed.
- They are paid in two instalments dependent on continued engagement with a course.
- They are for a maximum of 3 years or 3 levels of study for part-time students.
- On enrolment, students are asked to securely share their bank information to enable payment. Students can decline to give their bank details but are advised that this will result in any bursary they are eligible for will not be paid.

What is a bursary?

University bursaries are usually awarded to students who need more financial help. They may offer support due to a students' personal circumstances or a low family income. Bursaries can help students go to university who might not otherwise be able to attend. Bursaries do not need to be repaid.

What University of Suffolk bursary schemes do these terms and conditions apply to?

- **University of Suffolk Bursary:** Student who have been identified as having a home address from the IMD Q1 areas[1].
- **Care Leavers Bursary:** Students who are living in, or have previously lived in, local authority care, could be eligible for a Care Leavers Bursary.
- **Estranged Students Bursary:** Students who are recognised as estranged by their funder e.g. Student Finance England, could be eligible for an Estranged Student Bursary.

Students must meet all eligibility requirements outlined below to be awarded the bursary.

Terms & Conditions

University of Suffolk Bursaries are automatically assessed against the criteria outlined below and applied under the following terms and conditions:

- Each bursary is for the amount of £500 per level of study beginning at level 4 and for a maximum of 3 years or 3 levels of study for part-time students.
- Students will be automatically reassessed for this bursary every year. In the event a previously eligible student receives a ‘not eligible’ outcome upon automatic reassessment, the award will cease.
- If the student is intercalating from studies, no payment will be awarded during this period, however the application will be auto assessed upon return to study.

[1] The IMD Q1 areas means you live in a neighbourhood that is assessed as being in a lower quintile in the Governments Indices of Multiple Deprivation. As part of our Access and Participation Plan we have identified students with home addresses in these areas to provide financial aid.

- If identified as a Care Leaver students will not be eligible for the Estranged Student bursary.

Eligibility Criteria

The following criteria is applied to all University of Suffolk bursaries. Please see below for further eligibility criteria applied to each individual bursary.

- Be studying full-time or part-time (studying at least 50% of the full time equivalent) towards a Foundation/Bachelor's degree or Integrated Master's degree.
- Eligible students will receive up to £500 bursary in each academic level of study for a maximum of 3 years.
- Part-time students will receive the award pro-rata. (up to a maximum of £500 per level of study starting from level 4).
- Be paying full tuition fees in accordance with the published tuition fees for the type of course enrolled on, pro rata for part-time students.
- Have been assessed by the University as a "Home" fee paying student (Overseas students are not eligible for this bursary).
- Be in continued attendance on the course on which you enrolled at the date of automatic assessment.
- Students enrolled on Apprenticeships, CPD and SCITT courses are not eligible for this bursary.

To be eligible for the **University of Suffolk Bursary**, students must meet all of the following criteria:

- Students starting a course during the 2026/27 academic year.
- If you are a part-time student you will receive the award pro-rata. (up to a maximum of £500 per level of study starting from level 4).
- Have been assessed by the University as living in an IMD Q1 area
- Have made a means-tested Student Finance application, with the University of Suffolk as the chosen institution, and given consent to the sharing of financial details. Failure to do this could result in the University of Suffolk being unable to make payment of the bursary
- Integrated Masters students who are eligible for the Alumni Postgraduate Loyalty Scheme will not be eligible for this bursary
- Students studying on a degree or higher degree apprenticeship will not be eligible for this bursary.

To be eligible for the **Care Leavers Bursary**, students must meet all of the following criteria:

- Currently or in the past recognised by your Local Authority as a Care Leaver or had other experience of care (e.g. adopted from care or left care with a Special Guardianship Order, spent time in foster or residential care or a formally recognised kinship care).
- Age 25 years or younger.
- Students whose tuition fees are covered by their employer (sponsored) are not eligible for this bursary.
- Students studying on a degree or higher degree apprenticeship will not be eligible for this bursary.

To be eligible for the **Estranged Student Bursary**, students must meet all of the following criteria:

- Be considered as irreconcilably estranged from your parents and have applied to your funder e.g. Student Finance England for estrangement (Please note – you may be required to provide evidence from your funder of your estranged status)
- Age 24 years or younger.
- Students whose tuition fees are covered by their employer (sponsored) are not eligible for this bursary.
- During enrolment you must have answered yes to the 'Are you estranged from your parents' question on the Equal Opportunities page.
- Students studying on a degree or higher degree apprenticeship will not be eligible for this bursary.

Assessment Points

Automatic assessments are completed on the 1st of each month and will assess students who have been enrolled for 30 days. IMD Quintiles change over time and we will be basing assessment on the current published list on the 1st October each year.

Payment of a bursary

Bursary payments are made in two instalments. Following assessment on the 1st of each month an instalment will be made on the following dates:

- 27th November 2026
- 29th December 2026
- 29th January 2027
- 26th February 2027
- 30th March 2027
- 30th April 2027
- 28th May 2027
- 30th June 2027
- 30th July 2027

How we use may use your personal information

We will use the personal information we receive from Student Finance England to administer the Bursary Scheme. We will retain all documents we receive in connection with the Bursary Scheme along with your other student records in accordance with our Data Management Policy.

Following eligibility assessment, we will contact you using your University student email account. It is your responsibility to check this account regularly for important information regarding the payment of your Bursary, and any other requests relating to the Bursary Scheme.

FAQs

I started my course on level 3
If your course began at level 3 (foundation year) you will be automatically assessed for these bursaries from the academic year that you progressed to level 4.

I am intercalating, will I still receive a bursary?
If you are intercalating from studies, no payment will be awarded during this period, however you will be auto assessed upon return to study.

How do I know if I live in a IMD Q1 area?
You can check your postcode on the government website. You will be automatically assessed on the postcode you provided on application to the university.