



Essex Open Day Travel Bursary

We'd love to meet as many of our prospective students as possible, so if you attend our Loughton Open Day or Stage Management Visit Days in Autumn 2026, you may be eligible for our Essex Open Day Travel Bursary to provide a helping hand with your travel costs.

Terms and conditions

The terms and conditions of the Essex Open Day Travel Bursary are as follows:

1. Eligibility

The bursary will contribute to the cost of travel for you and one guest, up to the value of £75 GBP, to attend the Loughton Open Day on Saturday 24 October 2026, or Stage Management Visit Day on 23 October or 19 November 2026 if you use the following transport methods:

- Car (milage only)*
- Train
- Bus
- Flights (domestic and international)

*Milage will be calculated from your home address. If you are not travelling from your home address, this will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Please contact the Travel Bursary team before you travel in this instance: applicantbursary@essex.ac.uk

*We will use [Free Map Tools](#) to measure the number of miles (as the crow flies) between your home address and the University campus.

To receive our Essex Open Day Travel Bursary, you'll need to meet all of the following criteria:

- UK students (eligible for UK home fees and funding and ordinarily resident in the UK)
- An enquirer exploring a degree to commence in 2027 or 2028
- Attend either the Loughton Open Day on Saturday 24 October 2026, or the Stage Management Visit Days taking place on either Friday 23 October or Thursday 19 November 2026.
- Submit the bursary application and applicable receipts within 30 days of the Open Day / Visit Day.

To be eligible you must also meet one or more of the following criteria:

- Eligible for Free School Meals
- Have a household income below £25,000
- Would not be able to attend an Open Day or Visit Day without financial support

2. What method of travel is not accepted?

The Essex Open Day Travel Bursary will only cover the modes of transport listed above. In the event that you are not considered eligible for the bursary, or we require additional information, you will be contacted via email.

Please note, the following are not considered eligible for the reimbursement:

- Taxi
- Oyster top-up
- Petrol
- Train fine
- First class coach/train fares
- Car hire and petrol

If you are unsure if you are eligible for the Essex Open Day Travel Bursary, please contact our team on applicantbursary@essex.ac.uk before buying your tickets.



3. How to apply?

What you need to do next

Applying for the award is simple, you will need to complete our online reimbursement form once you have attended the event.

We cannot reimburse any claims that are made after 30 days from the date of your visit.

4. How much could I get?

The maximum award you can claim is £75 for the visitor plus one guest.

- Travelling by car - if you drive to the Open Day / Visit Day, we will reimburse your total mileage from your home postcode to the campus and back (as the crow flies), at the rate of 20p per mile (up to £50).
- Travelling by train or bus - we can reimburse standard class rail and bus travel for you and one accompanying guest. Remember to include your train or bus tickets and any receipts when you submit your reimbursement form.

5. How and when will I be paid?

Once your reimbursement form has been processed, we'll process a bank transfer payment for the total amount of your claim. This process can take up to 30 days*. If you have not received your payment 30 days, please get in touch with us.

**Please note, reimbursements may take longer than 30 days during University closures including public holidays. Reimbursement may also take longer than 30 days if we have to get in touch to clarify bank details if incorrect details are provided initially.*

Contact us

If you have any questions about the Essex Open Day / Visit Day Travel Bursary, please get in touch.

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