

Digital Support Award

Please see the eligibility criteria below:

- You are an Undergraduate or Postgraduate (including Postgraduate research) student studying a full-time course or substantial part time (50% or more of the full-time equivalent) course.
- Are a registered student (home or overseas fee payer), including provisionally or conditionally registered, at the University of Essex for the current academic year 2023-24.
- International students who hold a student visa are required to have enough money to pay for their course and support themselves while they are studying in the UK. This is a requirement of the student visa. International students can apply to the Digital Support Fund for support with one-off costs caused by an unexpected, exceptional change in circumstances that cannot be met from any other source
- You made realistic provision for all digital-related costs, before starting your course but are now in demonstrable need of financial support because of an unexpected, exceptional change in circumstances.
- Your unexpected, exceptional change in circumstances must occur after the start of the course, and in the same academic year that you are applying for the fund.
- You are currently in financial difficulty and can provide evidence to show that the cost of digital equipment would not be possible or that it would impact other outgoing immediate costs.
- You have accessed all funding opportunities and other forms of income available, including employment and welfare benefits that you may be entitled to. You have also accessed all personal savings available to you.
- You are fully engaged in the full range of academic activities and are attending and engaged with all timetabled teaching events and other scheduled activities.
- You must submit your Digital Support Fund application and evidence in line with the Digital Support Fund closing dates.