

University of Exeter

Summary of 2020-21 to 2024-25 access and participation plans

What is an access and participation plan?

Access and participation plans set out how higher education providers will improve equality of opportunity for underrepresented groups to access, succeed in and progress from higher education. You can see the full access and participation plan for the University of Exeter at [Widening Participation Strategy | About us | University of Exeter](#).

Key points

Becoming a more diverse and inclusive place to learn is a priority for us and for a long time we've been delivering innovations to become more diverse and support our students, including contextualised offer making; school sponsorship to support pupil attainment; employability initiatives; degree apprenticeships; and supporting our most under-represented students such as those who have been in care, are carers or are estranged from their families.

Whilst we have seen improvements in the diversity of our student body and, generally, our students stay with us and go on to very successful outcomes, we know that this isn't the case for everyone. We have further to go to reflect our national and international context, to make sure that all students, regardless of their background or their characteristics, achieve outcomes equally well.

We target our efforts on access and student support to those students from a low socio-economic background, mature students, student carers and care experienced students and those students estranged from their families. We are also a University of Sanctuary for students who are refugees or asylum seekers. Equally, we recognise that we have further to go to become a more racially diverse institution and to support our students of colour in achieving the best possible outcomes.

Fees we charge

The full-time annual fee for UK undergraduate students is £9,250. This is the maximum fee allowed by the UK government. This figure may be subject to small increments set by the government each year and could be subject to change should government policy alter. The part-time fee is pro-rata with a maximum annual fee of £4,625.

Financial help available

We have a wide range of financial help available for all our students and most information can be found at [Scholarships and bursaries | Funding and scholarships for students | University of Exeter](#)

Scholarships are payments made to support your education, awarded on the basis of merit, personal achievement and academic ability. Bursaries are non-competitive payments intended to help students from disadvantaged backgrounds, or who are having difficulties funding their studies.

If you are a student who comes to study with us, and you come from a household with an income of under £25,000, then you are automatically eligible for our [Access to Exeter bursary](#). You may also apply for a bursary to help cover the costs of your computer equipment.

We also provide a package of financial and pastoral support for students who are verified as a [care leaver](#), including a full fee waiver as well as a bursary.

We also have our [Success for All](#) hardship fund available for any student who may experience unexpected financial hardship.

Information for students

We provide our prospective students and offer-holders with a range of information prior to starting their studies with us through specialist in-person advice at our open day and offer-holder open days. Our [webpages](#) contain a range of information for students with specific needs.

We would encourage any students who may require additional support because of a disability or if they have specific circumstances to contact us at an early point to discuss the support we can provide. We have a programme of transition support provided for all students as well specific support for students who are disabled or from an under-represented background. Those students progressing to us from our [Exeter Scholars](#) programme (including Realising Opportunities and Pathways to Law) and mature students are also eligible for this [enhanced induction programme](#).

Our Exeter Students Guild and the Exeter and Falmouth Students Union both provide practical support for our students studying in Devon and Cornwall. Our [Student Advice Service](#) at the Exeter Students Guild provides specific support to students who may require their help.

3. Fair Access, Widening Participation and recruitment

We run a wide range of programmes to support students from different backgrounds to study with us including our own Exeter Scholars programme as well as programmes with other organisations such as the Sutton Trust Pathways to Law and Realising Opportunities. Our Discover University online platform provides a variety of interactive tools, resources, sessions and information for learners, families and carers and teachers with regular information and advice sessions. We also support students to make applications to us with our contextual [admissions](#) offering.

4. Securing good quality and equitable outcomes for students

We organise a range of support to all our students who study with us, including transition and induction provision. Practical and pastoral support is provided throughout their studies to our disabled students as well as our students who are care-experienced, carers or estranged from their families. We also have