




What is Exeter Scholars?

Exeter Scholars is a free programme giving participants the opportunity to develop their knowledge about university and experience what it is like to study a subject of their choice at university level. They will gain access to world leading academics and current students at the University of Exeter who will support them with making decisions about their educational progression and help them develop skills to support both their future and their current studies.

 I learned how to talk to new people, I learned about topics I find fascinating, more importantly I learned about myself and what I want to get out of university.

Who can take part?

Becoming an Exeter Scholar can be achieved by completing one of three unique pathways that include a range of specific events and activities as well as the Exeter Scholars supplementary activities available to all participants. The eligibility criteria for the three pathways are as follows:

Students that meet one of the following criteria are eligible to apply to take part in the University of Exeter Scholars programme:

1. Live in a neighbourhood where a low percentage of young people progress to higher education as defined by home postcode
2. Live in a low income neighbourhood as defined by home postcode
3. Are in receipt of free school meals
4. Are eligible for school bursaries
5. Parents have not studied at university
6. Are or have been living in care
7. Have caring responsibilities
8. Have a disability

To commence any pathway applicants must have the ability to achieve a minimum of 8 GCSE's at grades A*–C or 9–4 to include GCSE Maths and English at Grade 4 and above. Where a pathway consists of a combination of pre-16 and post-16 activities the transition between the two are dependent on attainment of the aforementioned GCSE grades which will be confirmed at the beginning of Year 12.

The commitment of all participants that complete a pre 16 activity pathway will be recognised at the end of Year 11 through the awarding of the title of Exeter Junior Scholar regardless of whether they achieve the necessary GCSE grades to progress with the programme.



What do participants do?

Exclusive Exeter Scholars Supplementary Activities:

- Regular live online Q&A forums throughout Year 11, 12 and 13
- Exclusive access to a Year 11 online platform which participants can use to find out about university through a range of interactive activities and resources
- Exclusive access to a Year 13 online platform designed to help participants complete their UCAS application and prepare for the transition to university



In combination with the Exeter Scholars supplementary activities participants will enroll on one of the following pathways in order to graduate as a University of Exeter Scholar:

Pathway	Programme activities	Engagement/eligibility milestones	Pass/fail criteria
Year 9 to 13 pathway	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ A Year 9 programme launch event at the University of Exeter Streatham Campus □ 10 x one hour tutoring sessions to be delivered between Years 9–11 in schools □ A Year 11 celebratory event to be held at the University of Exeter Streatham Campus □ A Student Conference held at the University of Exeter Streatham Campus at the beginning of Year 12 □ A Year 12 and 13 subject activity strand to be selected by participants at the beginning of Year 12 (see Year 12 and 13 pathway below for more details) <p>PLUS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Exclusive Exeter Scholars Supplementary Activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Year 9 application form □ Year 12 GCSE attainment eligibility check point □ Year 12 Exeter Scholars profile update – add GCSE results, A level choices and choose a subject activity strand □ Year 13 participation check point to ensure minimum participation levels for subject activity strands are reached 	<p>Participants will have to complete the following activities in order to graduate as an Exeter Scholar:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Attend a minimum of 5 events/tutoring sessions in Years 9, 10 and 11 plus the Year 9 launch event □ Attend the Year 12 Student Conference □ Complete the minimum time commitment for their chosen subject activity strand <p>Successful completion of the Exeter Scholars assessment will enable participants to graduate as a Senior Exeter Scholar.</p>
Year 10 to 13 pathway	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ An all-expenses paid Year 10 residential event to be held at a University of Exeter campus in Exeter □ Year 11 celebratory event to be held at the University of Exeter Streatham Campus □ A Student Conference held at the University of Exeter Streatham Campus at the beginning of Year 12 □ A Year 12 and 13 subject activity strand to be selected by participants at the beginning of Year 12 (see Year 12 and 13 pathway below for more details) <p>PLUS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Exclusive Exeter Scholars Supplementary Activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Year 10 application form □ Year 12 GCSE attainment eligibility check point □ Year 12 Exeter Scholars online profile update – add GCSE results, A level choices and choose a subject activity strand □ Year 13 participation check point to ensure minimum participation levels for subject activity strands are reached 	<p>Participants will have to complete the following activities in order to graduate as an Exeter Scholar:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Attend the residential event in Year 10 □ Log into the Exeter Scholars Year 11 online activity programme at least twice □ Attend the Year 12 Student Conference □ Complete the minimum time commitment for their chosen subject activity strand
Year 12 to 13 pathway	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ A Student Conference held at the University of Exeter Streatham Campus at the beginning of Year 12 □ A minimum of 24 hours of exclusively designed subject activity strand content delivered throughout Years 12 and 13 via a number of on campus and field trip sessions. Participants will be able to select their subject at the point of applying □ A Year 12 UCAS application preparation day <p>PLUS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Exclusive Exeter Scholars Supplementary Activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Online Year 12 application form □ Year 13 participation check point to ensure minimum participation levels for subject activity strands are reached 	<p>Participants will have to complete the following activities in order to graduate as an Exeter Scholar:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Attend the Year 12 Student Conference □ Complete the minimum time commitment for their chosen subject activity strand

What are the benefits?

By taking part in Exeter Scholars participants will gain exclusive access to the following benefits:

University of Exeter Scholars Benefits

- An understanding of university life and an opportunity to hear direct from current university students about their experiences
- Increased confidence to help you prepare for the transition to higher education
- Learn more about a subject area of your choice before choosing whether to study it at university
- Develop key skills and knowledge to help boost your university application and aid your current studies
- The chance to make new friends
- Support and guidance with completing your university application form
- Financial support to cover all travel costs associated with completing Exeter Scholars
- Exclusive access to an Exeter Scholars reception at September pre application Open Days in both Exeter and Penryn
- A travel bursary for travel costs to attend a University of Exeter Offer Holder Visit Day
- A reduction in entry requirements of up to 2 A level grades or equivalent lower than the standard entry requirements for all University of Exeter Undergraduate courses[▲]

[▲] All offers or invitations to interview will be dependent on the applicants ability to fulfill any subject specific and GCSE entry requirements, admissions tests and interviews for their chosen course.

If participants choose to apply to study at the University of Exeter they will be invited to complete the Exeter Scholars online assessment in Year 13 to qualify as a **Senior Scholar**. Successfully passing the assessment will gain access to the following additional benefits:

University of Exeter Senior Scholars Benefits

- An invitation to a private pre-Freshers' Week welcome and orientation reception at the University of Exeter
- Exclusive access to a range of Exeter Scholars Awards, including the Exeter Scholars Attainment Award*
- A 'Transition to Student Life' financial support package, consisting of:
 - A three-year 16–25 Railcard or £70 Supermarket voucher or £70 Amazon voucher
 - £100 towards Students Guild / FXU or £100 towards gym membership or £100 towards Athletic Union membership (**All to be used in first year only**)
- Additional consideration for your application to become a Student Ambassador
- Access to support and one-to-one guidance to help you secure and fund internship opportunities
- "Welcome to the Career Zone" networking event during Term 1
- One-to-one support from an Academic Skills Advisor
- Careers support for as long as you require it after graduation

* Scholarship opportunities will have their own eligibility criteria and may vary dependent on year of entry as detailed on the programme website.

How do we get involved?

You have been given this flyer either as you are already working in partnership with the University on delivery of one of the Exeter Scholars pathways or because you have been invited to join the programme. Its content is designed to enable you to see how the different pathways fit into the wider Scholars framework and a member of staff from the University of Exeter will be in touch with you shortly to discuss the exciting opportunities that it can offer your students.

Please note that access to the different pathways is resource dependent and therefore capacity in relation to participant numbers and partner schools for each one is limited. If you would like to be considered for any future expansion of the programme please contact us to register your interest.

