UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN OSHKOSH

GUIDELINES FOR DETERMINING ELIGIBILITY AND AWARDING PARTIAL or FULL NONRESIDENT TUITION REMISSIONS FOR GRADUATE INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Wisconsin State Statute: University of Wisconsin Chapter 36 University of Wisconsin System 36.27(3)(c): The board may remit nonresident tuition, in whole or in part, but no other fees, except in special circumstances as approved by the chancellor, to worthy and needy foreign students and to students who are United States citizens but whose residence is not in the United States.

1. Current and future budget constraints will be taken into consideration when making all decisions on tuition remissions. Individual remission amounts and number of remissions available are subject to adjustments any semester based on funds available.

2. To be eligible for the partial or full nonresident tuition remission, a graduate applicant must be in F-1 status, an applicant for F-1 status (outside the U.S.), or a citizen of the U.S. whose legal residence is outside the United States. Applicants for political asylum will be considered for the partial nonresident tuition remission on a case-by-case basis.

3. Consideration will be given to distributing the partial or full nonresident tuition remissions among graduate students from the widest possible variety of countries and as equitably as possible between males and females. Undergraduate students are also eligible to apply for tuition remission. There are separate guidelines for determining undergraduate student eligibility.

4. Previous eligibility and receipt of a partial or full nonresident tuition remission as an undergraduate student at UW Oshkosh in no way assures continuation of that remission at the graduate level of education.

5. Partial nonresident tuition fee remission decisions for new and continuing graduate students will be made by the Director of Graduate Services in consultation with International Student Services Coordinator. If warranted the Nonresident Tuition Remission committee may also be consulted to make an award decision.

6. The decision to grant a partial or full nonresident tuition remission to a new graduate student will be based on:

    - Financial need
    - Academic achievement (new students: admission in full standing, continuing students: minimum 3.00 grade point average or higher)

7. International graduate students who were admitted without a partial or full nonresident tuition remission and request a partial or full nonresident tuition remission as a continuing student must:

    - Complete one full semester (at least six graduate credits)
    - Be in academic full-standing
    - Earn a minimum 3.00 grade point average
    - Complete a new “Confidential Declaration of Financial Resources” form
    - Prove financial need by demonstrating a substantial change in financial support from the time of admission to the university to the time of remission application

8. Continuing graduate student partial nonresident tuition remission recipients must meet all of the following requirements for the continuation of the partial nonresident tuition fee remission in future semesters:

    - Maintain full-time status and full academic standing - Enroll in nine graduate credits per semester or six credits if a graduate assistant
    - Maintain a minimum 3.00 cumulative graduate grade point average or higher

    Exceptions to the full-time status provision may be granted only in the last semester of the degree program if remaining requirements are less than full-time status course enrollment. This and any other requests for an exception to the full-time status provision of the tuition remission must be approved by the respective Graduate Program Coordinator, Director of Graduate Services and International Student Services Coordinator .

9. A graduate partial or full nonresident tuition remission recipient is eligible for the partial or full nonresident tuition remission to cover coursework leading toward the completion of their initial and single graduate degree at UW Oshkosh, but not for additional graduate coursework after the initial graduate degree has been completed (i.e. completion of a second master's, certificate or graduate achievement program) or for concurrent graduate course work for a dual degree or certificate.

10. An applicant who has already earned a graduate degree in the United States might not be eligible for the partial or full nonresident tuition remission if there are other applicants being considered who have not previously earned a U.S. graduate degree.

11. International graduate students sponsored with grants from their home governments are ineligible for the partial or full nonresident tuition remission. Those receiving government loans will be considered on an individual basis.

12. Partial or full nonresident tuition remission graduate student recipients who fail to meet minimum requirements in a semester for continuation of the award may be granted the award on a provisional basis in the following semester. Failure to meet the minimum requirements in a second consecutive semester will result in loss of the remission.

13. The graduate student whose partial or full nonresident tuition remission has been rescinded is eligible for reinstatement of the remission in the semester immediately following the semester in which minimum requirements are met.

14. Eligibility for a partial or full nonresident tuition remission will be permanently revoked upon a second, separate occurrence when remission eligibility requirements are not met.

15. In cases when a student or members of the student's immediate family have suffered serious, life-concerning medical problems, experienced significant financial distress, been a victim of documented political persecution or civil conflict, endured a catastrophic natural disaster or suffered other extreme circumstances, he or she may request a complete remission (full nonresident and all resident tuition). The student must provide a detailed written request and may be required to submit other official documents. Any requests (directly from the student or interested parties on behalf of the student) will be reviewed and must be approved by the

Nonresident Tuition Remission Committee. Further, the recommendation of the Committee must be reviewed and approved by the Chancellor or his or her designee.

16. Full nonresident and all resident tuition remissions will be limited to a maximum of 15 awards between all graduate and undergraduate remission recipients (30 student semester awards) or up to a maximum amount of all awards of $150,000.00 per academic year, whichever is greater.

17. APPEALS PROCESS:

    Graduate students who have been denied any category of nonresident tuition remission award, or have had her or his tuition remission award suspended for not meeting eligibility requirements, should contact the Office of Graduate Studies for information about how to proceed with an appeal.