

OUHSC Tuition Waiver Policy for Graduate Students at OUHSC or OU Norman



Summary of Eligibility – OUHSC

Non-Graduate Assistants –

Non-residents: Non-resident tuition waivers are awarded at the discretion of the student’s program and processed by Central Administration. Resident portion cannot be waived and is paid by student, fellowship, training grant, or department funds as a Merit Scholarship, etc.

Residents: Tuition waivers are awarded at the discretion of the student’s program from the Graduate College allocation.

Graduate Assistants appointed 0.25 – 0.50 FTE and enrolled in required hours* –

Non-resident GA’s: A non-resident tuition waiver is processed by Central Administration. The granting of a resident tuition waiver to non-resident GA’s is from the Graduate College allocation to the program at the discretion of the department where the appointment is held and/or the student’s academic program.

Resident GA’s: Tuition waivers can be awarded at the discretion of the program from the Graduate College allocation to the program or College.

Remaining tuition and fees can be paid as “Merit Scholarship” from Department funds.

Inter-campus Graduate Assistants†

Appointed OU GA

Appointed OUHSC GA

<u>OU Student</u>	Follows OU tuition waiver policy		Follows OUHSC tuition waiver policy	
	<u>Enrolled in OU Courses</u>	<u>Enrolled in OUHSC Courses</u>	<u>Enrolled in OUHSC Courses</u>	<u>Enrolled in OU Courses</u>
	Charge to OU Tuition Waiver Budget	Charge to OUHSC [‡] Graduate College Tuition Waiver “Other” Budget	Charge to OUHSC Graduate College Tuition Waiver “Other” Budget	Charge to OU Tuition Waiver Budget

Appointed OUHSC GA

Appointed OU GA

<u>OUHSC Student</u>	Follows OUHSC tuition waiver policy		Follows OU tuition waiver policy	
	<u>Enrolled in OUHSC Courses</u>	<u>Enrolled in OU Courses</u>	<u>Enrolled in OU Courses</u>	<u>Enrolled in OUHSC Courses</u>
	Charge to OUHSC Graduate College Tuition Waiver “Other” Budget	Charge to OU Tuition Waiver Budget	Charge to OU Tuition Waiver Budget	Charge to OUHSC Graduate College Tuition Waiver “Other” Budget

* Full time enrollment is 6 credit hours in Fall and Spring and 3 credit hours in Summer.

† When a GA has a split appointment .25FTE/.25FTE between HSC and Norman – the tuition waiver policy of the student’s academic department campus is applied.

‡ Exception: OU Norman tuition waivers are applied to OUHSC professional coursework for professional students in dual degree programs between OU Norman-OUHSC, who are appointed as a GA on the Norman campus.

Information for OU-Norman Students:

<http://www.ou.edu/gradcollege/funding/graduate-assistantship/tuition-waivers>

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4.18.5 Waiver of Tuition

A. Resident Tuition Waiver Scholarships.

Pursuant to Title 70, O. S. § 3218.12, authorizing the State Regents to establish a system of student scholarships, the following policy of resident tuition waiver scholarships is hereby authorized for each institution in The State System. Except as provided below, it is the intent of this policy to provide assistance to Oklahoma students with demonstrated financial needs and to promote excellence of scholarship throughout all of the academic and professional fields of study. It is further intended that this program provide equitably for all students at all academic levels from the freshman year through the graduate student. Also, insofar as is practicable, awards should be distributed so as to be supportive of the state's needs and demands for trained manpower in the various career and occupational areas. Finally, assistance under this program should be utilized to promote equity of treatment for those students in fields without access to funds from other student assistance programs.

1. Elements to be considered by institutions in the awarding of scholarships are financial need, scholastic aptitude and achievement, academic discipline or field of study, student activity participation, cultural diversity, and academic level. These elements shall be specifically incorporated into institutional procedures as follows:

- a. At least fifty (50) percent of all scholarships awarded shall be on the basis of financial need of students. The criteria for determining financial need shall be determined by the institution.*
- b. Awards shall be apportioned in such a manner as to provide equity for students by academic discipline or field of study consistent with the state's educated workforce priorities and taking into consideration other kinds of funds available for the support of students in particular programs.*
- c. Awards shall be apportioned at each institution generally in accordance with the distribution of student enrollment among the various academic levels (undergraduate or graduate division) and by student classification (freshman, sophomore, junior, senior, master, or doctoral classification).*

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2. Each institution is authorized to award scholarships to residents of the state of Oklahoma from the Educational and General Budget – Part I in the form of resident tuition waivers, the total amount of which shall not exceed three and five-tenths (3.5) percent of the total E&G Budget – Part I for the current year. This policy shall disqualify a student from receiving a tuition waiver scholarship on the basis of immigration status if the student does not qualify for resident tuition under the provisions of Title 70, O. S. § 3242 and § 3242.2.

3. The following waivers, as noted below, shall not be included as tuition waiver scholarships awarded under the three and fivetenths (3.5) percent of the E&G Budget – Part I limitation above.

- a. Auditing of Classes by Senior Citizens. State System institutions are hereby authorized to waive the tuition and fees for auditing of classes for residents of the state of Oklahoma who are sixty-five (65) years of age or older. Such students may be admitted without charge to classes on a space available basis.*

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d. Waiver for Graduate Assistants. Graduate students with at least a one-quarter time graduate assistantship are eligible for these scholarships irrespective of Oklahoma residency status. Graduate assistants involved in teaching must be proficient in both oral and written English. The ability to communicate course material effectively in understandable English is required of all graduate teaching assistants awarded these waivers as defined in 70 O. S. § 3224.

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B. Nonresident Tuition Waiver Scholarships

- 1. Any institution in The State System may award a scholarship that includes a waiver of a portion of the nonresident tuition as provided in 70 O. S. § 3226 (2001), which amount shall not exceed the difference between nonresident tuition and the amount paid by resident students.*
- 2. Institutions shall report to the State Regents on an annual basis the number of students and the amount of nonresident tuition waivers granted.*

4.18.6 Waiver of Fees

- A. Institutions may establish procedures for waiving of fees for students who are enrolled in courses offered on a non-standard schedule.*
- B. Institutions shall waive fees for courses offered under a contract with business, industry, military, and governmental entities pursuant to the State Regents' Policy on Contract Credit Course Fees as outlined above.*
- C. Institutions in The State System are authorized to establish policies that waive mandatory fees for students enrolled in off-campus, electronic media, and correspondence courses. Generally, fees for campus services and activities not available to students due to time and distance may be waived if the institution determines the waiver is in the best interests of the student and the institution.*
- D. Fees may be neither assessed nor waived unless authorized by general policy or by specific authorization of the State Regents.*

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Checklist Item Code Definitions for Tuition Waivers and Chartfield Spreads

<u>Item Code</u>	<u>Short Description</u>	<u>Description Meaning</u>
DPTFO	DPTPayFees	<u>Dept Pays Fees</u> – The Department Pays Fees Only
DPTTF	DPTPayT&F	<u>Dept Pays Tuition & Fees</u> – Department Pays Tuition & Fees
DPTTO	DPTPayTuit	<u>Dept Pays Tuition</u> – Department Pays Tuition Only
GANRTW	GANonResTW	<u>Graduate Assistant Non-Resident Tuition Waiver</u> – International or Non-Resident of Oklahoma students who have been appointed a Graduate Assistant, Graduate Research Assistant or Graduate Teaching Assistant.
GARTW	GAResTW	<u>Graduate Assistant Resident Tuition Waiver</u> - Students who are Residents of Oklahoma and have been appointed a Graduate Assistant, Graduate Research Assistant or Graduate Teaching Assistant.
GCNRTW	GCNonResTW	<u>Graduate College Non-Resident Tuition Waiver</u> – International or Non-Resident of Oklahoma individuals receiving a waiver from their Department but do not have a GA appointment. Since these individuals are International or a Non-Residents of Oklahoma the waiver must be applied toward their Non-Resident Tuition first.
GCRTW	GCResTW	<u>Graduate College Resident Tuition Waiver</u> – Department is giving a tuition waiver to an individual who is a Resident of Oklahoma but does <u>not</u> have a GA appointment.
GPNRTW	GPNonResTW	<u>Graduate/Professional Non-Resident Tuition Waiver</u> – MD/PhD Fellows who are International or Non-Residents of Oklahoma. The word Professional does <u>not</u> mean a professional student such as an Allied Health Professional student or a Public Health Professional student.
SUNRTW	SURPNonRes	<u>Summer Undergraduate Research Program Non-Resident Waiver</u> – Students who are International or Non-Residents of Oklahoma and are participating in the Graduate College’s summer programs such SURE & NARCH.
SURTW	SURPResTW	<u>Summer Undergraduate Research Program Resident Tuition Waiver</u> – Students who are residents of Oklahoma participating in the Graduate College’s summer programs such as SURE & NARCH.