Out-of-State-Tuition Waivers for Outstanding International Students
Call for Nominations – 2023/2024 Academic Year

The Office of Global Engagement is allocated a limited number of out-of-state tuition waivers for use by outstanding international students. We invite nominations from unit heads (Deans, Directors, or Department Heads) or their authorized representatives on behalf of outstanding international students for receipt of these waiver awards for the 2023-24 academic year.

Eligibility

- Students must be non-U.S. citizens or non-U.S. permanent residents, enrolling or enrolled in, a full-time degree-seeking course of study at UGA
  - Current undergraduate students must possess and maintain a 3.0 GPA.
  - Current graduate students must possess and maintain a 3.5 cumulative GPA
  - LLM students may show GPA specific to relevant coursework, rather than over-all GPA
  - Newly admitted graduate student nominees who have been accepted for admission in Fall 2022 should have a minimum 3.30 undergraduate GPA, or a 3.50 graduate GPA, if grad work has been completed elsewhere.
  - International students at UGA who are undergraduates at their home institution but admitted as graduate students at UGA may meet a minimum GPA of 3.3 instead of the posted GPA of 3.5 for graduate students only if they have no prior graduate credit.
  - Returning international students with grades of Incomplete (I) or Unsatisfactory (U) in courses taken at UGA are not eligible for this waiver.
  - F-1 status students in their final term of study who are approved for a reduced course load by our office may continue to receive an approved waiver.

- Current students as well as newly admitted students are both eligible.
- Waivers may be applied in the summer term as well, if requested.

NEW: Re-nomination process for students currently approved for an OGE waiver

International students who are currently approved for an OGE waiver can be re-nominated in a more streamlined fashion. Department nominators should login to compass.uga.edu, click on “Departmental Services” and then click on the Re-nomination for OGE Tuition Waiver form. You will have to certify that the student still meets the GPA eligibility requirements outlined above. No second approver from your department head or Dean will be required.

Nomination Process for students NOT currently approved for an OGE waiver

Unit heads (Deans, Directors or Department Heads), or their appointed representatives (such as graduate coordinators; business managers, etc...) may nominate outstanding international students,
undergraduate or graduate, who are currently enrolled or enrolling in degree programs within the college. In general departments should nominate no more than three students, and each nomination must be ranked 1, 2 or 3. The Department Head or Dean will receive an automatic email asking them to confirm support for the nomination. This confirmation must be submitted or the nomination will not be reviewed.

- Nominations will be accepted between January 10\textsuperscript{th}, 2023 and April 4\textsuperscript{th}, 2023, and reviewed by the waiver committee in OGE
- Notifications as to approvals / denials of waivers will be issued by the end of April. Notifications for newly admitted students can be issued earlier than April, depending on the department’s needs and the academic status of the student (must be set to “admit” in Banner).
- Questions may be referred to Robin Catmur-Smith: rcatmur@uga.edu

If you are interested in nominating a U.S. citizen or U.S. permanent resident graduate student, please contact Olivia Myers in the Graduate School: gradassociatedean@uga.edu

Online Request Process:

The department representative must have approved access to Compass, our online portal in order to access and submit a nomination. Access request instructions are below.

Instructions on accessing OGE – COMPASS online portal

- Navigate your browser to http://compass.uga.edu
- Login using your UGA MyID and password
- If you are not yet an approved Compass user, you will be prompted to request an account.
- Select your type of user as “Department”
- Click “Request Account”

Once approved for access (usually within one business day), you will receive an email confirming your access and providing further instructions. You may then login to the Compass portal to nominate students. To do this, follow these steps:

- Open your web browser and go to https://compass.uga.edu.
- Under “Departmental Services”, you will see two sections: Lists, and Tasks.
- Under Tasks, click on the box labelled “OGE Out-of-State Tuition Waiver Nomination” for new nominations or “Re-nomination for OGE Tuition Waiver” form for continuing students.
- Fill out all the fields on the request form, and submit.