Office of Global Engagement
Out-of-State-Tuition Waivers for Outstanding International Students
Call for Nominations – 2024/2025 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 2024-25 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 2024 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.
- Once a waiver is approved, so long as the student meets the minimum required GPA and enrollment status, the waiver will be extended up to a maximum of 8 semesters, or until the student completes the academic program, whichever comes first. If the department wishes to revoke the waiver, our office, and the student, must be notified at least one semester in advance.

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 8th, 2024 and April 8th, 2024, 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 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.
- Fill out all the fields on the request form, and submit.