

# Tuition Remission Information

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## Payment Schedule

All students must pay tuition and fees according to the schedule printed in the [University Registrar's Calendar](#). Refer to the [University Cashier's Office](#) for current cost of attendance information.

## Residence Status for Tuition Payment

As a state supported institution, the tuition rate for students meeting defined residency requirements in North Carolina is less than the tuition rate for nonresidents. Information regarding residency requirements may be found on the Graduate School website: [Graduate School's residency website](#).

## Tuition Remissions

Recognizing that many research and certain other graduate programs need to recruit quality graduate students from a pool of talent that extends beyond North Carolina and that competition for these students in certain programs (especially doctoral programs) can be intense, East Carolina University offers a limited number of in- and out-of-state tuition remissions. A non-resident doctoral/master's student who is awarded an assistantship or fellowship appointment may be eligible for an out-of-state tuition remission reducing tuition to in-state rates. In addition, a full-time, non-resident or resident doctoral student in a research-oriented program, who is awarded a full-time assistantship or fellowship appointment, may be eligible for an in-state remission. Requests for tuition remissions are initiated by the unit graduate program in which the student is enrolled.

## Eligibility

Students must meet the following criteria to qualify for in-state tuition remissions:

- Students must be degree seeking and on-campus,
- Doctoral students are the first priority for in-state remissions. Research and professional master's and M.F.A. students may become eligible as resources allow,
- Students must have a full-time (20 hr/wk) appointment as a graduate teaching assistant (GTA), a graduate research assistant (GRA), a graduate intern assistant (GIA) or a graduate fellow (fellowship). The appointment must be in effect for a period of not less than two academic semesters for the student to be eligible for and to retain a tuition remission.

- Students should be in good academic standing as defined in the Graduate School Catalog

**IMPORTANT NOTE: Students who have been determined at any point in the semester to no longer meet the eligibility requirements to receive a tuition remission will have the full amount of their tuition remission rescinded, and as such, they are then personally responsible for paying the full costs of their tuition for that semester.**

## **Duration of Support**

### Out-of-state (OOS) Remissions

The OOS tuition remission offered by the Graduate School is designed to attract high-quality graduate students with no prejudice against those from outside of North Carolina. There is an expectation that prospective students will be informed of the limited time for which tuition will be remitted and encouraged upon arrival to review information on establishing legal residency in North Carolina at:

<http://www.ecu.edu/cs-acad/gradschool/residency.cfm>, if their intent is to become permanent legal residents of North Carolina. By North Carolina law, students whose primary intent for moving to the state is to attend school are not eligible for classification as *in-state* for tuition purposes; however, those that demonstrate a clear intent to become permanent North Carolina residents, may qualify for the in-state classification after at least one year of legal residency in the state.

### In-state (IS) Remissions

Fundamental to recruiting quality graduate students are recruitment packages that are competitive. This is especially true in research-intensive doctoral programs. To maintain quality research programs, the highest priority for in-state remissions will be full-time doctoral students that are on a full-time assistantship. **It is expected that IS remissions for any student will come from the same source as the student's assistantship stipend.**

## **Consequences of Academic Actions**

### **Resignation from Appointment**

Students who have received a tuition remission and who resign from their University appointment prior to the end of the semester (for personal, financial, medical, or any other reason) will have the full amount of their tuition remission rescinded and **they are then personally responsible for paying the full costs of tuition for that semester.** Appeals to the above policy must be directed to The Graduate School, along with a written recommendation from the dean, chair, or director of the student's academic program, and a letter of confirmation from the director of Student Health Service if the resignation is for medical reasons.

## **Adding a Course**

Students who have received a partial tuition remission and add a course **before** the end of the schedule change period which results in additional tuition charges will be held **personally responsible for paying the additional cost, unless the Office of Financial Aid has received written verification from the student's assigned department of payment.**

Students enrolled for more course credits than that which has been recommended by their unit and approved by the Graduate School, and therefore results in additional tuition charges, will not receive additional tuition remission funds to cover the additional credit hours and **will be held personally responsible for paying the additional cost for the credit hours added.**

## **Dropping a Course**

Students who have received a tuition remission and drop a course at any point in the semester will be re-evaluated to ensure that they still meet the eligibility requirements to receive a tuition remission. Students for whom the reduction in credit hours results in their not meeting eligibility requirements will have their tuition remission (which has been granted to cover the credit hours for the course dropped) rescinded and will be held **personally responsible for paying the tuition costs for the credit hours dropped.**

Please refer to the [Academic and Financial Policy Regarding Tuition and Drop Dates](#) for further details on the consequences of dropping a course after the census date.

## **Withdrawal**

Students who have received a tuition remission and who withdraw from the University (i.e., drop all classes) prior to the fulfillment of their term commitment (for personal, financial, medical, or any other reason) will have the full amount of their tuition remission rescinded and **are will be held personally responsible for paying the full costs of tuition for that semester. Although tuition charges may be prorated according to established policies of the University Cashier, tuition remissions are not prorated.** Appeals to the above policy must be directed to the Graduate School, along with a written recommendation from the dean, chair, or director of the student's academic program, and a letter of confirmation from the director of Student Health Service if the withdrawal is for medical reasons.