WICHE SEMESTER TUITION WAIVER AWARDS: REQUIREMENTS AND INFORMATION, 2015-2016

All students who accept this offer are required to:

- Be fully admitted to and remain in good academic standing in a graduate degree program
- Register for and complete at least 10 credits per semester
- Achieve a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.5 in all course work since admission to Graduate Programs at Eastern as determined at the close of the academic year

This award is for all or part of the 2015-2016 academic year only, as specified in the offer letter, and is contingent upon the financial status of the University.

A WICHE award covers the difference between resident and nonresident tuition. Tuition for nonresident graduate students is approximately $8,465 per quarter/$12,698 per semester or $25,397 for the academic year, which consists of fall, winter, and spring semesters. The WICHE waiver covers approximately $4,822 per quarter/$7,237 per semester or $14,475 for the academic year. Recipients of a WICHE waiver pay the equivalent of the resident graduate tuition rate of approximately $3,643 per quarter/$5,464 per semester or $10,929 for the academic year.

Graduate students registered for at least 10 credits are considered full-time. To register for more than 18 credits, students must have the prior written approval of their program director or advisor and department chair. Students registered for more than 18 credits in a semester incur per-credit tuition charges that are not covered by this award.

To be eligible for federal financial aid, a graduate student must be registered for at least 5 credits.

Students in the graduate programs in social work, creative writing and dental hygiene are encouraged to establish Washington residency whenever feasible. Students in the graduate programs in occupational therapy and physical therapy are advised to retain their current residency in accordance with WICHE requirements for those programs. Detailed information about the requirements for establishing residency is available from the residency coordinator in the Records and Registration Office, Second Floor, Sutton Hall, 509.359.6586. Nonresidents may apply for residency by filing the appropriate forms with this office. Further information on residency is available at this webpage: [www.ewu.edu/residency](http://www.ewu.edu/residency).

Washington residency requirements must be satisfied for a period of at least 12 consecutive months before the first term that a student is considered a resident for tuition purposes. Documentation of residency requires financial independence and a valid Washington driver’s license, motor vehicle registration, voter registration card, mortgage or rental agreement and a bank account statement. Students who move to Washington to begin a graduate program must acquire all of the documents listed above before the start of their first term and must meet all other requirements in order to establish residency by the start of their second year in the program. Further questions about this topic should be addressed to the residency coordinator in the Records and Registration Office.

Resignation of a WICHE tuition waiver award must be submitted in writing to Roberta Brooke, Interim Director, Graduate Programs Office, 206 Showalter Hall, Cheney, WA 99004, [rbrooke@ewu.edu](mailto:rbrooke@ewu.edu), as well as to your immediate supervisor. Repayment of the award may be required of anyone who does not fulfill the terms as stated above or who fails to provide timely notification of resignation. Recipients who withdraw from their academic program resign from this award, and they may be required to repay all or part of the award.

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