

## OUT-OF-STATE TUITION REMISSION POLICY

Graduate faculty may recommend particular graduate applicants or graduate students for out-of-state tuition remissions, which cover the out-of-state portion of the student's tuition. The School of Art and Design Graduate Committee will evaluate their credentials and award the tuition remissions granted to the SoAD according to the following policy:

The awarding of graduate out-of-state tuition remissions is based on applications received by the February 1 priority deadline, a minimum undergraduate GPA of 3.0, and a portfolio determined as superior by faculty reviewers. If the number of qualified applicants exceeds the number of remissions allotted to the School of Art and Design, applicants will be ranked considering the quality of their portfolio, undergraduate grade point average, statement of intent, and the overall needs of the School of Art and Design.

Out-of-state tuition remissions shall be awarded for two consecutive semesters. The Graduate Committee may choose to extend the award on a semester basis not to exceed a total of four semesters (except for international students). Complete information about policies and funding of awards may be found on the Graduate School website, [<https://gradschool.ecu.edu/>].

A remission may be terminated, in writing, by the Graduate Program Director, on the recommendation of graduate faculty in the student's discipline area. The recommendation will be evaluated by the School of Art and Design Graduate Committee and forwarded to the School of Art and Design Director and the Dean of the Graduate School for approval.

### Tuition Remissions

There are a limited number of out-of-state tuition remissions, which cover the out-of-state portion of the student's tuition for one academic year. The remissions are competitive, and the minimum criteria for eligibility are a 3.0 overall GPA (or 3.0 senior year) and a meritorious portfolio and application materials. Each concentration area nominates applicants, with the final decision made by the School of Art and Design Graduate Committee.

(priority application submitted by February 1 only)

Tuition and Fees information [<https://financialservices.ecu.edu/tuition-fees/>].

### Establishing Residency

If a student chooses to gain North Carolina residency to qualify for in-state tuition, they may start their NC residency application process, after having lived in North Carolina for one year plus one day and no sooner. All applications for residency reclassification must be submitted to and processed through the North Carolina Residency Determination Service (RDS) system [<https://ncresidency.cfnc.org/>].

With this application, a Residency Certification Number (RCN) will be assigned, and the information will go over to Banner. Once RDS has determined a status, the student will be notified of their classification as in-state or out-of-state. For more information on the RDS system, visit [<https://ncresidency.cfnc.org/residencyInfo/>].