**NRTS 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 quarter
- Achieve a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 in all course work since admission to Graduate Programs at Eastern as determined at the close of the academic year

Recipients of this award are not eligible for a graduate service appointment as a graduate assistant, graduate associate or graduate instructor; but they may be employed on campus and may apply for other university and program scholarships.

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.

This award is for approximately $3,103 per quarter/$4,654 per semester or $9,309 for the academic year, which consists of fall, winter and spring quarters. Tuition for nonresident graduate students for 2015–2016 is approximately $8,461.53 per quarter/$12,692 per semester or $25,384.59 for the academic year. The NRTS waiver, identified on student financial accounts as “Graduate Discount,” may be used only to defray actual tuition charges and may not be received as positive funds by students whose tuition is paid by an external organization. Wavier recipients are responsible for any applicable course fees and mandatory university fees. The waiver does not apply to any self-support programs or independent learning/correspondence courses. No university service is required for this award.

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 quarter 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.

These awards are for nonresident students only. Nonresident recipients from within the US are strongly encouraged to establish Washington residency whenever feasible. Detailed information establishing residency is available from the residency coordinator in the Records and Registration Office, Second Floor, Sutton Hall, Cheney, WA 99004, 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. **Tuition for resident graduate students for 2015-2016 is approximately $3,639.82 per quarter or $10,919.46 for the academic year.** The cost of resident tuition is significantly less than even the net cost of nonresident tuition combined with this waiver award. 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 NRTS waiver award must be submitted in writing to Roberta Brooke, Interim Director, Graduate Programs, 206 Showalter Hall, Cheney, WA 99004, rbrooke@ewu.edu. 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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