

<b>ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION</b> ACAF Academic Affairs	<b>POLICY NUMBER</b> ACAF 3.60
<b>POLICY TITLE</b> Graduate Resident Tuition Rate for Highly Selective Fellowship Students	
<b>SCOPE OF POLICY</b> USC Columbia and Palmetto College	<b>DATE OF REVISION</b> April 14, 2025
<b>RESPONSIBLE OFFICER</b> Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost	<b>ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE</b> Office of the Provost

**PURPOSE**

The University of South Carolina is committed to supporting the recruitment of outstanding and talented graduate students from around the world to engage in advanced study. To that end, the University may award the graduate resident tuition rate to talented graduate students who participate in specific fellowship, scholarship or other programs as defined in this policy. This policy will improve the University's ability to recruit outstanding international graduate students and foster the development of affiliations with universities in other countries.

**DEFINITIONS**

**POLICY STATEMENT**

The University will offer graduate resident tuition rate to graduate students on highly selective fellowships, including programs funded by the U.S. government and U.S. based international educational organizations, as well as fellowship programs of foreign organizations and institutions, when documented and governed by approved Memoranda of Understanding executed with the University of South Carolina

- A. The fellowship, scholarship or other programs governed by this policy will be determined by International Student Services. The programs will include:
  - 1. Programs that come through U.S. agencies
  - 2. Programs that come through non-governmental organizations related to higher education
  - 3. Other governments' scholarship programs; and
  - 4. Other selected higher education institutions around the world with whom USC has formally approved affiliation agreements with mutually agreed upon provisions for admission of fellowship recipient students.

**B. Student Eligibility**

Eligibility will be determined by International Student Services at the point of admission, in collaboration with the Graduate School and any relevant academic unit involved in a particular fellowship program.

1. Documentation of any award from a scholarship organization must be reviewed and be included in university records for any recipient.
2. For any student eligible under the terms of a university affiliation agreement, there must be a valid and current agreement, which has been reviewed and approved in accordance with policy [ACAF 2.06 International Academic Agreements](#).

**PROCEDURES**

- A. Graduate student applicants who may be eligible for the graduate resident tuition rate should be identified to International Student Services and the Graduate School by the nominating sponsoring organization or relevant academic unit recommending admission.
- B. International Student Services and the Graduate School will review and record documentation for granting the graduate resident tuition rate.
- C. Graduate School staff will code the student for the graduate resident tuition rate if eligible.

**RELATED UNIVERSITY, STATE AND FEDERAL POLICIES**

[ACAF 2.06 International Academic Agreements](#)

**HISTORY OF REVISIONS**

<b>DATE OF REVISION</b>	<b>REASON FOR REVISION</b>
June 25, 2010	New policy approval.
October 10, 2016	Revised to update division title.
April 14, 2025	Policy updated to standard template