

UAMS Academic Affairs Policy – 3.3.9



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PURPOSE

This policy was created in compliance with University of Arkansas Board of Trustees Policy 520.5.

DEFINITIONS

Official Arkansas Residency Classification – This status refers to a student’s official, legal classification of Arkansas resident or non-resident as defined in UAMS Academic Affairs Policy 3.2.1 and UA Board of Trustees Policy 520.8.

Residency Exception – A residency exception allows a student to be charged tuition at a rate different from her/his Official Arkansas Residency Classification based upon an approved scenario. The Bursar’s and Financial Aid Offices use residency exceptions in the application of tuition charges and packaging of financial aid awards. Students receiving a tuition residency exception will appear as out-of-state/non-resident for all other reporting purposes because a residency exception does not impact a student’s official Arkansas Residency Classification.

POLICY

Any UAMS graduate student (1) appointed to the position of Graduate Assistant whose percent appointment is equal to or greater than twenty-five percent or (2) receiving a full graduate fellowship, shall, in addition to any stipend, be charged tuition at the in-state/Arkansas resident rate through the application of a Graduate Assistant/ residency exception in the

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Student Information System. The residency exception may be applied by either the college admissions officer or the Office of the University Registrar. Professional programs (ex. Medicine, Pharmacy, Audiology, Physical Therapy, Doctor of Nursing Practice, etc.) are not considered graduate programs for purposes of this policy.

PROCEDURE

Any out-of-state/non-resident student with a graduate assistantship is eligible to have a Graduate Assistant residency exception applied in the Student Information System by her/his college admissions officer or the Office of the University Registrar. Notification of the assistantship must be submitted to the admissions officer or Registrar at least one week prior to the official UAMS start date for the term for which the exception is to be effective. Requests received after the deadline will be reviewed case-by-case, and late requests may not become effective until the following term. Residency exceptions may not be applied retroactively for prior terms.

REFERENCES

UA Board Policies 520.5 and 520.8
UAMS Academic Affairs Policy 3.2.1