The Office of International Education has been allocated a limited number of out-of-state tuition waivers for use by outstanding international students. We invite nominations from unit heads (Deans, Directors, or Department Heads) of outstanding international students for receipt of these waiver awards for the 2016-17 academic year. Details regarding the nomination process and eligibility are outlined below.

Eligibility
- Students must be bona-fide international students (non-U.S. citizens or non-U.S. permanent residents), enrolling or enrolled in a full-time degree-seeking course of study at UGA
- Undergraduate or graduate students are eligible.
  - Undergraduate students must possess and maintain a 3.0 GPA for the duration of the award.
  - Graduate students must possess and maintain a 3.5 GPA for the duration of the award.
  - Nominees who have been accepted for admission in Fall 2016 should have a minimum 3.30 undergraduate GPA, or a 3.50 graduate GPA, if grad work has been completed elsewhere.
  - Returning international students with grades of Incomplete (I) or Unsatisfactory (U) in courses taken at UGA are not eligible for this waiver.
- Current students as well as recently admitted students are both eligible.

Nomination Process
Unit heads (Deans, Directors or Department Heads) may nominate outstanding international students, undergraduate or graduate, who are currently enrolled or enrolling in degree programs within the college.
- Nominations should include for each student a brief statement from the nominating unit stating the reason(s) the student should receive the award and outlining each nominee’s academic merit and promise.
- Nominations open January 11th, 2016 and will close at 5:00PM on May 13th, 2016. Waivers will be awarded on a rolling basis. Since there is a limited numbers of waivers, it is recommended that applications be submitted as early as possible.
- The nominating unit will be notified of waiver approval or denial within 10 business days of nomination submission.
• You must have approved access to iStart, our online portal in order to access and submit a nomination. Instructions on how to request access are appended to this information sheet.
• Log in to iStart once you are approved (usually within a few hours), using your UGA MyID. Under “Departmental Services” in the left-hand menu, select the OIE tuition waiver nomination form. Complete and submit the form.

If you are interested in nominating a U.S. citizen or U.S. permanent resident graduate student, please contact Kristin Lawrence in the Graduate School: krabney@uga.edu

Instructions on accessing OIE – iStart online portal

• Navigate your browser to https://istart.uga.edu
• Click on “Administrative Services for University Departments” in the lower left corner of the screen
• Click on “Departmental Services” in the left-hand menu.
• 4. Click on “Departmental Access Request” in the sub-menu.
• 5. Fill out all the fields on the request form. Mark the checkbox after reading the statement, and then click “Request Access” at the bottom of the screen.

Once approved for access (usually within one business day), you will receive an email confirming your access and providing further instructions. You may then login to the iStart portal to nominate students. To do this, follow these steps:

• Open your web browser and go to https://istart.uga.edu.
• Click on “Administrative Services for University Departments”, in the lower left-hand corner of the screen.
• When the next screen opens click on “Departmental Services”, in the left-hand menu. A sub-menu of items will open in the left-hand menu. Click on the menu item entitled “OIE Tuition Waiver Application”.
• Complete and submit the nomination form.