

Central Washington University Nonresident Graduate Student 50% Tuition Waiver Fellowships Applicant Information

CWU graduate fellowships are open to Washington State nonresidents and are awarded to exceptional graduate students who show promise in scholarship, academics, leadership, or meritorious service. Fellowships are also available for students with diversity experiences who contribute significantly to the quality of CWU's graduate programs. The fellowships include a 50% nonresident tuition waiver for the 9-month academic term. There is no stipend provided. Fellowships are only awarded to full-time students who have been admitted to a CWU graduate program. The fellowships are designed to attract first year, newly admitted candidates with a possible renewal for a second year.

Students must remain at full-time status **and** maintain a 3.0 GPA (3.25 for Academic Merit awardees) to continue receiving the waiver. The fellowship will be withdrawn if a student attains Washington State resident status during the award period.

Category of awards:

Academic Merit Fellowship: Award is granted based on an applicant's GPA (minimum 3.25).

Leadership / Meritorious Service Fellowship: Award is granted to students who have served in leadership roles within their community, college, or professional organizations.

Diversity Fellowship: Award is granted to first-generation college students or applicants who have a history of overcoming disadvantage. Awards are also available for those nominated by diversity-focused organizations outside of Central Washington University.

McNair Fellowship: Award is granted to students who were McNair Scholars at their undergraduate institutions and intend to pursue master's level preparation for doctoral work.

What is a 50% Tuition Waiver?

The award will waive 50% of nonresident graduate student tuition annually; it may not be used for campus fees, housing, books, or supplies. The resulting tuition charge will amount to approximately 112% of resident graduate tuition.

How to apply:

To be considered for a university fellowship, applicants must be recommended by the degree program's coordinator. A recommendation form is posted on the GSR webpage. Please contact your coordinator to express your interest to be nominated. Students from all colleges may apply. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis (and subsequently as funds are available).

Award Process:

A GSR committee will distribute the awards. Award recipient must file a FAFSA before funds may be distributed. Admitted applicants will be notified of fellowship award decisions within two weeks of the committee's decision.

Waiver Eligibility Requirements:

- An applicant must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident who is admitted to a CWU graduate program, but who is not a WA State resident.
- The applicant cannot be the recipient of another tuition waiver.
- The applicant cannot be the recipient of a graduate assistantship.
- Candidates granted probationary admission are not eligible.
- Preference is given to newly admitted candidates.

For further information, please contact the School of Graduate Studies at 509-963-3101 or email us at masters@cwu.edu.