

The University of Illinois at Chicago would like to introduce two new non-resident tuition rates in addition to the current non-resident tuition rate effective Fall 2016:

1. ***UIC Grant Tuition Rate***
2. ***International Student***

1. The ***UIC Grant Tuition*** rate is intended to replace the ***Chicago Grant*** program. Modeled after the [University of Illinois at Springfield's "Out of State Grant"](#), the [Chicago Grant](#) program was created to increase enrollment of high performing, non-resident students with a strong potential for success and persistence. The UIC Chicago Grant award appears as a grant on tuition bills and undergraduates are guaranteed an unchanged tuition rate for four years.

This program has been successful in attracting out of state students to study at UIC. Students that qualify for this grant program receive an award equivalent to one-half the difference between the published resident and non-resident tuition rates. The award is available for up to four years of undergraduate study with continued eligibility, which includes maintaining satisfactory academic progress towards graduation.

The problem with a grant program versus a waiver of tuition is that the campus must pay itself for the value of the grant award: if the grant value is \$5,000, we must use some of the revenue from these students paying at a discount to fulfill the account receivable of \$5,000 per student. This has created a processing and accounting workload that would be unnecessary if we just had a Board of Trustee approved lower rate for these students. Further, UIC cannot use discretionary waivers for this purpose because by state law we are limited to a 3% threshold of tuition revenue, and we are already close to that maximum limit.

The ***UIC Grant*** tuition rate will be awarded to any U.S. resident student who meets the following minimum eligibility criteria:

- Admission to the student's major college or ACT score of 24 or SAT combined equivalent score for Critical Reading & Mathematics.
- Transfer students will be eligible for this rate upon earning a minimum 3.0 GPA at the institution they are transferring from.
- Must be enrolled full-time in an on-campus undergraduate degree-seeking program (online programs are ineligible)
- Existing Chicago grant students will be moved to this program.

Students that do not meet all of the above academic criteria but who possess a specialized talent or skill in the arts or collegiate athletics may apply for consideration of the ***UIC Grant*** rate, provided they comply with the following requirements:

- GPA of 2.75, or ACT score of 20 (SAT combined score of 950 for Critical Reading & Mathematics)
- Provide evidence of enriching skills/capabilities in a specific field of interest through a written supplement to the common application or as otherwise directed by the College/Admissions. Review of the supplemental materials will be performed as part of the application process following a process set forth by the Dean. The Dean or designee will notify the Office of

Admissions so appropriate tuition rates can be applied to each student accepting an offer of admission.

2. An **International Student** rate is requested that is \$1,000 over the existing non-resident rate, or about 4% higher.

As of Fall 2015, the number of undergraduate international and non-resident students paying the non-resident tuition rate is a small percentage compared to Illinois residents: 16,225, 94% of the students pay the Illinois Resident rate; 392, or 2% are International students paying Non-Resident rates; and 601, or 3.4% pay as Non-Residents. Of the Non-Residents included in this count, 221, or 1% of total undergraduate enrollment have been awarded the Chicago Grant.

An analysis was done to project the effect of these new tuition rates using FY15 enrollment data. The higher international tuition rate offsets the lost revenue due to the Chicago Scholar program with a slightly net positive revenue result. However, as UIC's undergraduate international enrollment continues to grow, we expect a net positive long term financial gain.

In conclusion, UIC requests approval of three non-resident base tuition rates effective Fall 2016:

- **UIC Grant Rate will be 50% higher than the Illinois resident (in-state) rate**, or \$15,876 per year (\$7,938 per semester) net of differentials and fees.
- **Standard base tuition rate for U.S. residents that are not Illinois residents (out-of-state): no change** to the current year non-resident rate, or \$23,440 per year (\$11,720 per semester) net of differentials and fees.
- **International** base tuition rate of \$24,440 per year (\$12,200 per semester), net of differentials and fees, or essentially **\$1,000 higher than the current non-resident US citizen rate**.