

Application to waive the one-semester MU residency requirement

The one-semester residency requirement is designed so that an international student can adjust to the differences presented by American academic life and culture. In addition, the international student will be able to observe how teaching at MU differs from teaching in his/her home country.

ITAP can request a waiver from the Chancellor on behalf of an ITA. Under the law, the Chancellor may only grant a waiver for the residency requirement, not for the language assessment and training requirement. Waivers are not automatically granted. They are given only under the following conditions:

1. The international student received a language assessment and has strong language skills for the type of teaching assignment she/he is receiving,
2. The international student attended the Graduate Teaching Orientation (GTO) during or prior to the semester they will be teaching.
3. The international student has demonstrated familiarity with the culture of the American university classroom.

If you feel an incoming international student warrants a waiver, please fill out the following application and return it to the ITAP office at least four weeks prior to the semester the waiver is needed.

General Information		
Last Name	First Name	Student I.D.
Teaching Department		Department Contact
Part 1		
TA Role (lab assistant, language instructor, etc.)	Oral Language Proficiency Level needed for TA role	Oral Language Proficiency Level Attained
Part 2		
The student will attend GTO on the following dates:		
Part 3		
Please include a letter of support listing previous educational experiences that have provided familiarity with American university classroom culture.		