

Application to Waive the One-Semester MU Residency Requirement

International graduate students who did not receive both their primary and secondary education in an exempted country are not legally permitted to take a teaching appointment their first semester at a public college or university in Missouri. This one-semester residency requirement is in place to allow students time to observe how teaching at MU differs from teaching in their home country and to adjust to living in America and using English as the primary language for all communication.

ITAP can request a waiver from the Chancellor on behalf of a student. 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 give 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, graduate 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.		