

## **ADMISSION POLICY FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS**

### **1. PURPOSE**

To establish a policy for the admission of international students to the University of Wyoming and to specific programs offered by academic units. This policy shall be supplementary to existing general admission policies and procedures of the University.

### **2. GENERAL INFORMATION**

Pre-existing admission policies have recognized the desirability of having various cultures of the world represented by international students and the potential contribution such students provide the general student body with regard to the understanding of the nations and cultures represented. The University will seek admission of those applicants who are deemed highly qualified and whose enrollment can be readily accommodated within the resources of the specific degree program to which admission is sought.

### **3. GENERAL ADMISSION STANDARDS FOR ALL INTERNATIONAL STUDENT APPLICANTS**

The Director of Admissions is given responsibility for the establishment and maintenance of such procedures as may be necessary to control the initial admission of international students to the University of Wyoming in accordance with the provisions of this Policy. Such procedures shall provide for review and consultation with the various academic colleges and departments concerning such matters as may be relevant to the final admission of international student applicants and the making of the admission decision by the department in accordance with any governing college and University standards.

A. After the effective date of this Policy, the admission of all new international students shall be subject to the provisions herein contained.

B. The admission of an international student to the University is conditioned upon pursuit of the specific degree objective for which application was originally made. Abandonment of such a degree objective, denial by a college of continuation in the original degree objective, or academic suspension from the University, shall cause termination of any continued enrollment in the University. However, in the foregoing situations, the student may petition a department of the same or other college for acceptance in a specific degree program.

C. Undergraduate international students may be admitted to the University of Wyoming for fall, spring, or summer term. Undergraduate international students must submit all application materials by November 1 for spring semester, April 1 for summer, and June 1 for fall semester. Admission terms for graduate students vary per academic department. Basic requirements shall include the following:

(1) An English translation must accompany official academic records provided by the applicant. Applicants must complete all applications and correspondence in English.

(2) International student applicants for whom English is not the native language must furnish scores from the "Test of English as a Foreign Language" (TOEFL) or other comparable evidence of English proficiency accepted by the Director of Admissions. Attendance at foreign schools in which English is utilized, will not be accepted as a substitute for this requirement even though the University may accept the applicant as a transfer student or graduate student. The Division of Academic Affairs shall establish minimum acceptable scores for admission for each test of English proficiency used by applicants. Minimum acceptable scores will be published in the University Catalog. The requirement for the TOEFL examination can be waived in special cases by the Director of Admissions (for undergraduate students) or by the Dean/Program Director (for graduate students) of the relevant program upon the appropriate recommendation. Individual colleges of the University, as a part of its consideration of credentials of international student applicants, may require a higher TOEFL score or comparable test score.

(3) Applicants must demonstrate that financial resources are available to them which are sufficient to meet the costs of tuition and fees, books and supplies, living expenses during their stay in the United States, and transportation expenses to return to their country. In making such demonstration, they may not utilize University forms of student aid as a substitute for financial resources represented to be available. International students may be afforded the privilege of participating in limited student loan programs when justified by emergency situations. Nothing in this provision should be construed as prohibiting international students from competing for awards, scholarships and assistantships which are determined on the basis of merit. Further, if such an award, scholarship or assistantship is granted to an international student, he/she will be able to use the funds thus obtained for the normal expenses associated with attendance at the University of Wyoming.

D. In addition to the requirements delineated above in Sections 3.c.(1), (2), and (3), international students must meet all other applicable standards for admission as indicated in UW Regulations.

E. Applicants must agree that they will undergo a tuberculosis examination by a medically valid test at the University Student Health Service prior to registering as a student. Each semester or summer session, all international students are required, as part of their registration fees, to purchase health and accident coverage available through the University of Wyoming sponsored student health insurance program, unless such student receives a waiver of this requirement from the Director of Risk Management and Insurance as authorized by the Foreign Student Health Insurance Waiver Policy established by the Director of Risk Management and Insurance. Active tuberculosis or failure to make payment for the University sponsored student health insurance when due shall constitute cause for cancellation of the student's admission.

#### **4. SELECTION OF APPLICANTS FOR ADMISSION**

The credentials of all international applicants for admission who meet minimum standards shall be considered for the purpose of selecting those who are judged best qualified and whose enrollment can be accommodated within the available resources, programs and interests of the University. The following factors may be considered:

- A. Academic record and English ability.
- B. Contractual or other formalized programs providing for the admission and sponsorship of international students.
- C. Availability or offer of University scholarships, assistantships, or other forms of assistance.

#### **5. GENERAL PROCEDURES**

The Director of Admissions will develop and establish procedures for the admission of international students in accordance with this policy.