INTERNATIONAL and NON-RESIDENT STUDENT FEE WAIVER PROGRAM APPLICATION for 2016-17

SUBMIT THIS **COMPETED APPLICATION AND SUPPORTING MATERIALS TO YOUR COLLEGE ASSOCIATE DEAN'S OFFICE.** For full consideration, applications must be submitted by April 1, 2016.

GRADUATE (For international and non-resident students)

Please check one:

□ Prospective graduate student □ Current Cal State LA graduate student □ Continuing Tuition Fee Waiver student

General Information: Education Code Section 89707 allows non-resident tuition fee waivers or tuition fee reductions to be granted to non-resident *graduate* students who are either *domestic* non-resident students *or* citizens of a foreign country. In both cases the graduate student (1) must provide evidence of: (a) demonstrable financial need; and (b) exceptional scholastic ability and prior scholastic achievement; and (2) must enroll in at least 10 quarter or semester units per term. Graduate students receiving these waivers must be employed by the CSU for 20 hours or more a week.

Once awarded, students will receive tuition waiver units based on courses within their programs that have not yet been completed. Reimbursement will not exceed 16 units per semester and 32 units within an academic year. Note that a second, and third, year of support is conditional on satisfactory progress in the previous year and only upon the recommendation from the student's program of study.

Please Print or Type:

Major:	College/University:	
	_ (successful applicants will generally have a GPA of 3.6 or	
□ Male □ Female		
Country of Origin:	CIN #:	
Name:		
Last	First	Middle
Address:		
Street	City	
Zip		

Phone#:	Email:

Date of Application: _____

For New Applicants (prospective graduate students and current Cal State LA graduate students): International and non-resident graduate students may apply for the Fee Waiver by submitting a completed application **and** the following items to their College Associate Dean:

- 1. List any significant awards or honors you have received.
- 2. Describe your academic interests, future plans and past achievements (250-400 words).
- 3. Please provide a statement describing your financial need, if any (150 words).
- 4. A letter of recommendation from one of the following: department chair, graduate advisor, faculty member, or another pertinent individual who has taught or advised the student. The letter should address the student's ability to complete the degree successfully and in a timely fashion.
- 5. Official copies of transcripts from all colleges and universities attended by the student, at the undergraduate and graduate levels.
- 6. Provide any additional evidence of exceptional scholastic ability and prior academic achievement (optional).

Continuing Tuition Fee Waiver Applicants: Once awarded, continuing graduate students are eligible to receive the tuition waiver through this program for up to three academic years. Awards for years two and three will require the following:

- 1. Student must prepare a brief statement of their progress in the program (no more than 1 doubled-spaced typed page).
- 2. A letter of support from the relevant graduate program Chair or faculty advisor. This letter must address the student's progress in the program and plans for a timely graduation from the program.
- 3. Unofficial copies of transcripts demonstrating satisfactory degree progress in the previous year (GPA of 3.0 or better, program progress).

Selection will be based on a comprehensive and holistic review of application materials, including written essays, GPA, Test Scores, and other evidence of scholastic ability and academic achievement. *It is recommended that applicants have a minimum GPA of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale, or an equivalent academic credential from a recognized international university.*