## **Residency Tips and Tricks**

- You need to establish a domicile at least 12 months before applying for this status.
  - \* What this means: You have to intend to make North Carolina your permanent residence. Dorms and residence halls, including graduate student housing (Lofts on Lee), do not count!
- There is no set list of things you must do to prove your intent, but here are some suggestions:
  - ⇒ Get a North Carolina driver's license or ID. (http://www.ncdot.gov/dmv/driver/)
  - ⇒ Register to vote. (You can do this when you apply for your license/id, or by following the directions here: https://www.ncsbe.gov/ncsbe/registering-to-vote)
  - ⇒ Title, tag, and register your vehicle in NC. (<a href="http://www.ncdot.gov/dmv/vehicle/title/">http://www.ncdot.gov/dmv/vehicle/title/</a>)
    - You will pay property taxes on your vehicle when you register it, so this adds two considerations to your application.
  - ⇒ File an income tax return for income earned in NC.
  - ⇒ Establish financial independence from parents/legal guardians and out-of-state sources. This can be tuition money, but the majority of your income should come from somewhere outside of the two listed above.
  - \* The steps you take to prove your intent to make North Carolina your home must be true for 12 months before you apply. For example: you need to have a North Carolina ID for at least 1 year before you apply, or hold a non-dorm residential address for 1 year.
- Fill out the application. You can find it here: (<a href="http://reg.uncg.edu/residency-reclassification">http://reg.uncg.edu/residency-reclassification</a>)
  - \* Eligible Non-U.S. Citizens must fill out the Residency Reclassification Supplement for Non-U.S. Citizens, found on the above page.
- More information can be found here:
  - ⇒ UNCG Residency Page: <a href="http://reg.uncg.edu/residency/">http://reg.uncg.edu/residency/</a> (Check out the FAQ)
  - ⇒ North Carolina State Residence Classification Manual: <a href="http://www.northcarolina.edu/sites/default/files/documents/state-residence-classification-manual.pdf">http://www.northcarolina.edu/sites/default/files/documents/state-residence-classification-manual.pdf</a>
  - ⇒ North Carolina Residency Statues: <a href="http://www.ncleg.net/EnactedLegislation/Statutes/HTML/">http://www.ncleg.net/EnactedLegislation/Statutes/HTML/</a>
    ByArticle/Chapter 116/Article 14.html
  - ⇒ UNCG Residency Policy: <a href="http://uncg.smartcatalogiq.com/en/2014-2015/Undergraduate-Bulletin/Appendix/Residence-Status-for-Tuition-Purposes">http://uncg.smartcatalogiq.com/en/2014-2015/Undergraduate-Bulletin/Appendix/Residence-Status-for-Tuition-Purposes</a>
  - ⇒ NCSU Residency Handout: <a href="http://www.ncsu.edu/grad/about-grad/docs/residency-handout-2013.pdf">http://www.ncsu.edu/grad/about-grad/docs/residency-handout-2013.pdf</a>

Important! Students on B, C, D, F, J, M, Q, S, or TN visas are not eligible for In-State status.