

Policy for Requesting International Student Exchange Fee Remission Coverage for IUB Schools

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As you know international exchanges are an essential part of President McRobbie's new International Strategic Plan. Up to now, though, the issue of funding incoming international exchange students has presented challenges because these students are deemed to be nonresidents for IU fee purposes.

To address this issue, the Bloomington Campus will allocate to each school:

1. The non-resident fees that would be generated by international students participating in formal IU exchange programs, and
2. An equal financial aid charge.

Thus, participating in exchange programs will be revenue-neutral to each school (i.e., the revenue in step 1 is equal to the expense in step 2 for each school).

This procedure applies to all existing exchange agreements and implementation plans between IU and partner institutions, which must be approved by (a) the University Overseas Advisory Committee, and (b) the Office of the Vice President for International Affairs (OVPIA). Schools should confirm with OVPIA that the relevant agreements and OSAC approval are in place for an exchange program before proceeding.

This process addresses the overarching financial issue of funding instruction for international students participating in formal IU exchange programs as long as each school maintains balance between the number of IU students it sends on exchanges and the number of international students it educates. An IU student pays his/her school for instruction received overseas. If the number of international students that the school must educate is comparable, each school will have the resources needed to provide this instruction. If exchange agreements allow more international students to come to IU than we send overseas, then deans will need to determine if they have "space available" for these extra, unfunded students. We have mechanism for making schools "whole" if exchanges are not balanced.