

**THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY STUDIES
DOCTORAL DEGREE**

RESIDENCE STATUS

Some students pay in-state tuition because they decide to become permanent residents of Texas. If a student has moved to Texas for the purpose of attending school, the student can apply to be re-classified as in-state for tuition purposes if:

- (a) the student is employed full-time for at least 12 months and in school no more than part-time during this period;
- (b) the student has other evidence of full-time residence status, such as car license plates, driver's license, home ownership, and /or a local bank account; and
- (c) the student intends to remain in Texas to work after the degree is completed.

A spouse's residence status does not affect the student's status. Thus, a student could be out-of-state for tuition purposes although the spouse has worked full-time for 12 months and is considered a Texas resident. For students who do not have an assistantship, an admissions evaluator in the Graduate School can discuss the residency status of an individual student and determine whether a graduate student may be re-classified from out-of-state to in-state based upon the Residence Questionnaire. For a copy of this questionnaire and Residence Status Rules and Regulations, please see the HDFS Graduate Secretary.