

Required Documentation & Estimating your Annual Expenses

To receive a Form I-20 (F-1 visa) from The Ohio State University, international applicants are required by U.S. law to show:

- ~ Proof of guaranteed funding for tuition, fees, living expenses, health insurance, books and supplies is immediately available for the student's first year of study;
- ~ Proof that guaranteed funding for living expenses and health insurance is immediately available for the first year for any accompanying dependents; and
- ~ Assurance that adequate funding will continue to be available for the entire length of study for the student and any accompanying dependents.

A Form I-20 is issued only when the university is satisfied you will receive adequate financial support to cover all educational and living expenses for the duration of your studies for you and any dependents who accompany you to the U.S. To satisfy these requirements, please submit:

- ~ This **completed Affidavit of Financial Support Form**. By signing and dating this form you confirm you have available funds for your first year of study and that you are able to support yourself (and your dependents if applicable) while you remain in your program.
- ~ Bank documents illustrating funds sufficient to meet **Total First Year Expense (Part 1)** for students and any accompanying dependents;
 - ≈ If you have more than one sponsor, bank documents and a signed certification of support are required from each.

NOTE: If you are part of an educational exchange and require a DS-2019 (J-1 Visa), you will have additional funding requirements beyond those of the I-20 (F-1 visa). Please contact gpadmissions@osu.edu to confirm eligibility and requirements.

Individual Sponsors and/or Self-Support: In addition to this completed Affidavit of Financial Support Form, each individual sponsor and/or self-sponsoring student must submit bank statement(s) or personalized bank letter(s) verifying that funds to cover estimated expenses are immediately accessible for the first year of study.

Bank Statement Guidelines

- Must be on bank stationery
- Must be dated within 12 months of the date of enrollment
- Must specify amount of money on deposit
- Must specify currency type
- Must be translated into English*
- Must include the name of the account holder*
- (*Handwritten translations will not be accepted)

Personalized bank letter in lieu of bank statement:

Must include the amount on deposit and be signed and dated by a bank official in addition to the Bank Statement Guidelines stated at left.

We cannot accept the following:

- Certified chartered accountant statements
- Real estate or jewelry holdings
- Charge accounts
- Pending or provisional educational loans. (Loans must be approved.)
- Salary or payroll statements

1. **Parent or Other individual Sponsor:** Parents and other individuals sponsoring all or part of your expenses must complete the **Personal Sponsor Certification** (Part 5) of this affidavit and submit bank certification. The bank certification must indicate your sponsor is the account holder and must show funds at least equal to the amount promised by that person in Part 4.
2. **Self-Support:** If you intend to use personal savings for all or part of your financial support, complete the **Student Certification** (Part 5) of the affidavit and submit your own bank certification. The bank certification must indicate that you are the account holder and show funds at least equal to the amount promised by you in Part 4.

University, Government or Other Sponsoring Agency: If the university, your government or other sponsoring agency (i.e. organization, institution, or employer) will provide funding, indicate their name in Part 4 of this affidavit and upload their letter detailing the terms and amount of your support. Letters of support from government and other outside agencies should include payment of tuition, fees, living expenses, health insurance, books and supplies as well any additional dependent living and health expenses.

Additional Government or Sponsoring Agency Letter Guidelines

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| Must be on official stationery | Must include your name as the recipient |
| Must specify the length of the agency support | Must be signed and dated by an authorized representative of the agency |
| Must be dated within 12 months of your first day of enrollment | Should indicate The Ohio State University as the institution you will attend |

Part 1 - Calculate Estimated Expenses

Calculate the estimated amount needed for your **first** academic year of study. An academic year is defined as August through May. *If you will begin your studies during the summer term prior to your first academic year, you are required to include expenses for that additional term of study in your bank certification and on this affidavit.* To calculate your estimated **Total First Year Expenses**; refer to the [International Graduate Student Budget](#) or the [International Professional Student Budget](#). Find the "Total Expenses" for your intended program and add expenses for dependents for whom you are requesting a visa document.

If First Year Term Start Is:	<u>Autumn or Spring</u>	or	<u>Summer</u>	
Student's Total Expenses =	\$ _____		\$ _____	
*Spouse and/or Children Expenses =	+ \$ _____		+ \$ _____	
Total First Year Expense	= \$ _____		= \$ _____	

*Must include living and health insurance expense for: 9 months 12 months

Note: When you enroll, plan to have approximately \$3,000 in addition to your program's estimated budget amount to cover one-time costs such as the \$50 OIA Orientation Fee, program fees for specific courses and yearly increases in expenses.

Part 2 - Applicant's Personal Information

Name in full as it appears on passport:

Family Name (surname) _____ Given (first) _____ Middle _____
PRINT name EXACTLY as it appears on passport.

Date of Birth (month / day / year) _____ Country of Citizenship _____ Current Profession/Title: _____

Country of Birth _____ City of Birth _____ Country of Legal Permanent Residence _____

If different from your country of citizenship

The Ohio State University ID Number _____

Part 3 - Current Visa Status

Are you currently living in the U.S.? yes no If yes, what is your current visa status? F-1 J-1 H-1 PR Other _____

Do you plan to enroll in another program in the U.S. prior to your enrollment at Ohio State? If so where? _____

Are you requesting: Form I-20 (for F-1 visa) Form DS-2019 (for J-1 visa) No - I plan to attend OSU using my current visa status.

If you are presently an F-1 or J-1 student, where are you enrolled? _____

What is the last day of your enrollment? _____

If you are presently on OPT, when will it expire? _____

If you are presently on a visa other than F-1, but requesting an F-1 do you plan to change your visa status within the US? Yes No

If you are presently a J-1 scholar, trainee or researcher, what institution issued your DS-2019? _____

For what category was the J1 visa issued? (scholar, trainee, researcher) _____

Are there dependents for which you are requesting a visa document? Yes No (If yes, complete the Dependent Information form and attach copies of passport ID pages for all dependents.)

Part 4 - Identify your Sources of Support

You are required to indicate who will sponsor you and the amount you expect to receive from each sponsor. Enter sponsor names below along with the amount they will provide for your first year of study. The **Combined Total** of their support should equal the **Total First Year Expense** previously calculated in Part 1 of this form.

- If receiving government or university funding (university funding includes program and athletic awards), enter sponsor or program name and **leave amount field blank**. Then upload your award letter. We will calculate award value and determine if additional proof of funding is needed.
- If you require a DS-2019 for a J-1 visa, Federal law requires you prove support for the entire length of study covered by your DS-2019 form. DS-2019s for Master's degrees will vary in length from one to three years, depending on program. DS-2019s for PhD degrees will indicate length of study to be six years.
 - Contact us at gpadmissions@osu.edu to confirm eligibility and requirements.

Self-supporting (LOANS are considered self-support) _____ Amount _____ USD

Parent or Personal Individual Sponsors (name _____) Amount _____ USD

(name _____) Amount _____ USD

(name _____) Amount _____ USD

Government, Employer, Sponsoring Agency (e.g. Fulbright, LAUSPAU) _____ *Enter Sponsor Name* _____ [Upload Award Letter](#)

Ohio State Scholarship/Associateship/Award (name _____) *Enter Program Name* _____ [Upload Award Letter](#)

University stipends are usually not sufficient to cover dependents' expenses.

Combined Total \$ _____ USD

Name _____ Ohio State University ID Number _____

Part 5 - Certification of Support:

If you have more than one personal sponsor you must include a separate page for each.

1. **Contingency plans have been made such that any unexpected financial difficulties created by unfavorable exchange rates, increases in educational costs, or other business or economic conditions will not reduce or stop the flow of monies to the student.**
2. **The student must have adequate emergency support in the unlikely event of an accident or illness, excessive medical expenses, and/or repatriation expenses (return of student to home country) while at The Ohio State University.**

Personal Sponsor Certification

I have read and understood items 1 and 2 (above) of this Certification of Support. I certify I will make available the individual amount promised by me in Part 4 of this Affidavit of Financial Support Form for the first year of study as well as each subsequent year the student remains in the program.

I have included bank certification of the financial support promised by me in Part 4.

Name of personal sponsor (Please print): _____ Today's Date: _____
(month / day / year)Sponsor's Signature: _____ Relationship to applicant: _____
(Handwritten, Ink Signature)

Please complete all fields. Incomplete forms will not be processed.

Student Certification

I, _____ (applicant's printed name), have read and understand items 1 and 2 (above) of this Certification of Support. I certify the information provided on this Affidavit of Financial Support Form is complete, all supporting documentation is true and accurate, and that I have arranged for continued access to adequate funding for each year I enroll in the program.

I also certify I am aware of the costs of attending The Ohio State University and agree I am ultimately responsible for the payment of all tuition, fees, living expenses, health insurance, books, supplies and additional expenses that may arise throughout my entire stay in the United States.

Applicant's signature _____ Today's Date: _____
(Handwritten, Ink Signature) (month / day / year)

Please complete all fields. Incomplete forms will not be processed.

To expedite processing, please submit all documents using the [document uploader](#).

Special Note: Due to COVID-19, your Form I-20 will be made available to you through direct download from **IntBuckeye**, Ohio State University's portal for immigration services. When your documents have passed our financial review, you will receive instructions for I-20 download from the Office of International Students and Scholars (ISS). Should you encounter difficulties with your download please contact the **Office of Graduate and Professional Admissions** at gpadmissions@osu.edu.

- **SEVIS Transfer:** If transferring your SEVIS record from another U.S. university to Ohio State, please DO NOT set up eShip until further instruction is received from the Office of International Affairs.

Name _____ Ohio State University ID Number _____

Dependent Information – required for dependents accompanying student to the U.S.

Please complete all dependent information in this section. Students who request visas for their spouse or unmarried minor children must prove they have sufficient funds to meet all of their expenses while in the United States. Dependent expenses are calculated as part of student's **Estimated Expenses** in Part 1, Page 1 of this document. *Attach a copy of Passport ID page for all dependents.*

If you are married, indicate date marriage celebration took place _____

If what country did the celebration take place? _____

If your spouse is currently at Ohio State, what is his/her status? not applicable faculty member visiting scholar student

Family Name (surname) _____ Given (first) _____ Middle _____
PRINT name EXACTLY as it appears on passport.

Country of Citizenship _____ Country of Birth _____ City of Birth _____

Date of Birth (month / day / year) _____ Relationship Spouse Child Gender: Male Female

Family Name (surname) _____ Given (first) _____ Middle _____
PRINT name EXACTLY as it appears on passport.

Country of Citizenship _____ Country of Birth _____ City of Birth _____

Date of Birth (month / day / year) _____ Relationship Spouse Child Gender: Male Female

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