FINANCIAL SUPPORT DOCUMENTS

Following are points to remember when submitting financial documents that are required in order to extend I-20 or DS-2019, to reinstate, and some other cases:

- The funding needs to be the required amount or above. No exception is made since we sign the I-20 and DS-2019 under penalty of perjury.
- For F-1 students, financial support from the department is accepted when the student is GA, TA, or RA.
- If an F-1 student is funded by the department, please include what the student's job title is (GA, TA, or RA) and what the pay will cover (i.e. tuition and health insurance).
- If a student is requesting to extend one semester, we will divide the expected expenses by two (two semesters) and compare with the financial documents they have provided us.
- Students whose financial support from the department does not cover the all expected expenses, or is not applicable, will be contacted to provide additional personal financial documents.
- The financial funds must be readily available (you must be able to pay tuition, rent, etc. with the funds).
- The funds must be available for use. For example, the government bond that cannot be redeemed for 2 years is not acceptable. Property or proof of job is not acceptable.
- If the student is submitting their own financial support, the name(s) on the bank and sponsor statement need to match. If the student is financially supported from another individual, the affidavit of support will need to be submitted along with their bank statement.
- If one F-1 or J-1 student is financially supporting another F-1 or J-1 student, ISS will need to make sure s/he has enough funds to support both students. More information may be requested from either student.
- We will accept business sponsorship of a student as long as the business submits a letter of sponsorship on company letterhead with a signature by the appropriate company employee (owner, general manager, or HR representative); or they can use affidavit of support if they stamp it with a company stamp. If the bank account is a company bank account but also under the owner’s name then only an affidavit of support from the owner is required.
- Sponsored Students will need to submit their financial guarantee letter as the financial support document.
- J-1 students must have a substantial portion of funding from a source other than personal or family funds.

If you have any questions, please contact International Student & Scholar Services at 801-581-8876 or email us at international@utah.edu.

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