SEVIS 101: SEVIS & Financial Evaluations

Admissions, Registration, & Enrollment Services
2023
Workshop Agenda

• Introduction to SEVIS and International Student Visas
• Funding Requirements
• Examples
• SEVIS Evaluation is Complete
What is SEVIS?

- Student and Exchange Visitor Information System
- Federal electronic database that houses immigration information for international students
- Access is restricted to authorized users:
  - Designated School Official (DSO)
  - Alternate Responsible Officer (ARO)
What is an I-20? DS-2019?

An I-20 or DS-2019 is a paper document issued to international students seeking to enter the U.S. to study with a student status.

The issuing of the I-20/DS-2019 creates the student’s online SEVIS record & ID.

These documents are referred to as visa eligibility documents and allow for students to apply for student entry visas.

Types of Visa Eligibility Documents

- Initial – Does not have a current SEVIS record
- Transfer – Coming from another U.S. institution
- Change of Level – Current UIUC student with an active SEVIS record
- Change of Status – Changing visa status within the U.S. (not traveling abroad/home)
What is a visa?

- Student Visas permit the students to enter the US
  - F-1 Student Visa (F-2 Dependent) – I-20
    - Most common one you will see
  - J-1 Student Visa (J-2 Dependent) – DS-2019
    - Initials and Change of Status will probably need to apply for a visa
    - Transfers and Change of Levels do not require a new visa to remain in the US
- Other Common Visa Types
  - J-1 Scholar Visa
  - H-1 Work Visa (H-4 Dependent)
  - B-1 Business/B-2 Tourist Visa (not allowed to study)
Application: Residency Information

Visa Eligibility Documents

Please indicate the visa eligibility document you are requesting:
- I-20 (F-1)
- DS-2019 (J-1)
- None (I am applying to an online program and will not enter the United States)
- None (I have applied for US Permanent Residence)
- None (I have been granted Asylee status in the US)
- None (I have been granted Parole in Public Interest status in the US)
- None (I have been granted Refugee status in the US)
- None (I plan to remain on my current visa)
- None (My DS-2019 will be issued by another organization)
- None (None of the above reasons describe my status)

Please indicate the type of I-20 / DS-2019 that best applies to you. Descriptions of each type can be found below.
- Initial
- Change of Level
- Transfer
- Change of Status

Initial documents are appropriate for students arriving in the US from outside the country for purposes of attending Illinois.

Change of Level documents are appropriate for current Illinois students changing from an undergraduate program to a graduate program.

Transfer documents are for students currently attending or are on practical training at another institution in the US and will not have had longer than a 5 month break between enrollment/training.

Change of Status documents are appropriate for students currently in the US on a non-student visa wishing to change status to an F-1 student visa.

Please indicate any dependents you are requesting.

- Number of Dependents:
- None

Residency Information

The information listed below will appear on your I-20 or DS-2019. Please ensure this information is correct before submitting your application.

Country of Legal Permanent Residence

Birth City

Birth Country

I-20 / DS-2019 Documentation Uploads

Passports and proof of funding documentation are required for all students requesting an I-20 or DS-2019. If you do not have a passport or proof of funding documentation available, you may provide this at a later time.

- If you will be sponsored by a family member or friend, please upload a Declaration and Certification of Finance form and bank statement.
- If you will be sponsored by an organization, employer, or government agency, please upload a copy of your sponsorship letter.
- If you will be self-funded, please upload a copy of your bank statement.

We will also require copies of your dependent's passports in the dependent sections below. Again, these can be provided at a later time, but will be required before an I-20 or DS-2019 can be issued.

Please upload a copy of your passport.

Choose File

Please upload your proof of funding documentation.

Choose File
Financial Evaluations
Financial Evaluation Basics

- Who is required to provide proof of funding?
  - Any international applicant or re-entry requesting either an I-20 or DS-2019

- Why is proof of funding required?
  - Federal regulations require that prospective students provide proof that they have the financial resources to live and study in the United States.

- What documentation must be provided as proof of funding?
  - F-1 applicants must verify proof of liquid funds for the total cost of the first year of study by submitting bank statements and/or sponsorship documentation as appropriate.
  - J-1 applicants must verify proof of funding for the full length and cost of the program.
    - 51% or more of J-1 applicants’ funding must be from government, organization or department funding. These sponsors must verify they will cover costs for the full length of the program.
Funding Documentation

- All documents must be in English or a certified English translation and issued less than one year before the Graduate College receives admission referral.

- Bank statements must list bank name, the account holder’s name, and show actual current balance for liquid funds.

- Declaration of Finance Forms and Letters of Sponsorship from individuals must include the sponsor’s printed name and signature.

- Letters of Sponsorship from organizations must be on the organization’s letterhead and include an official signature, stamp or seal.

- Solvency and/or capability statements are not acceptable.

- Statements from accounting or financial advising firms are not acceptable.
Converting Funds

- Documents are not required to be in USD
- We will convert at rate of day reviewed: xe.com or oanda.com
### Funding Accounts

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<td>Post office funds</td>
<td>Proof of employment or paystubs</td>
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<td>Insurance premiums/policies</td>
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<td>Pensions (only when statement included that they are allowed to withdraw without penalty)</td>
<td>Land/car titles</td>
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<td>Student loans</td>
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Declaration & Certification of Finances Form

Declaration & Certification of Finances for I-20 / DS-2019 Application

PROOF OF FUNDING REQUIREMENTS

In order for the Certificate of Visa Eligibility (Form I-20 or DS-2019) to be issued, it is necessary to submit complete and accurate information regarding your sources of financial support. The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign requires this information in compliance with regulations set forth by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) for all students planning to enter the United States under its auspices. All documents must be uploaded into the online application.

Please review the proof of funding documentation requirements at https://grad.illinois.edu/admissions/instructions/044.

Dependent Information: Married students who will be accompanied by spouses and/or children must certify additional financial resources to both the institution and to the U.S. embassy or consular office in order for dependent visas to be issued. The current estimated cost for accompanying dependents is as follows: for one dependent, $9,000 per year; for two dependents, $13,000 per year; and each additional dependent is $2,000 per year. Costs are calculated per 12-month period. It is also highly advisable to purchase health insurance for accompanying dependents. The current approximate rate for a spouse or child is $2,706 per year. If you are being sponsored by an agency or your employer, please ensure that the letter of sponsorship indicates agreement to cover your accompanying dependent costs as well as your own. Please note these rates are subject to change.

Contingency Fund: We strongly advise that you provide a contingency fund of $3,000 for your initial expenses and potential increases in tuition and fees. The expenses listed below and on page 2 are estimated and may increase between the time of admission and your first term of study. These expenses may also increase each year of your program. All tuition and fee rates are subject to change without notice.

Estimated Expenses for 2023 Admitted Students (for a single student)

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<td>Room and Board (12 months)</td>
<td>$16,633*</td>
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<td>Other Expenses</td>
<td>$3,642**</td>
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<td>Books &amp; Supplies</td>
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<td>Tuition (base rate) and fees for Academic Year</td>
<td>$34,256***</td>
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<td>Academic Year (2 semesters) TOTAL</td>
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<td>Summer Session (if you plan to attend, add these expenses to the total above):</td>
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<td>Books &amp; Supplies</td>
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<td>$9,194</td>
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<td>Calendar Year (academic year plus summer session):</td>
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<td>Total for a single student</td>
<td>$65,523</td>
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*Calculated based on double occupancy (add $1,515 for single occupancy)
**Other expenses include Personal clothing/travel/Sunday evening meals.
***Other expenses include health insurance, and living expenses.
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<td>Bioengineering MENG Programs</td>
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<td>Technology Management MSTM</td>
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<td>Veterinary Medicine DVM</td>
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For a breakdown of expenses (tuition, fees, room and board, other expenses, and books and supplies) for these non-base rate programs, please view [https:// registrar.illinois.edu/tuition-fee/tuition-fee-rates/](https://registrar.illinois.edu/tuition-fee/tuition-fee-rates/)

*If admitted to summer, expenses will increase to include summer tuition and fees, as well as books and supplies.

**Business PhD programs include Accountancy PhD, Business Administration PhD, Finance PhD, Chemical and Life Sciences programs include all degrees in Biology, Biophysics & Quantitative Biology, Chemistry, Plant Biology, Neuroscience, and Molecular & Cellular Biology. Engineering programs include all degrees in Aerospace Engineering, Agricultural and Biological Engineering, Bioengineering, Civil & Environmental Engineering, Computer Science, Electrical & Computer Engineering, Industrial & Enterprise Systems Engineering, Mechanical Science & Engineering, Nuclear Science & Radiological Engineering, and Physics. Fine & Applied Arts programs include all degrees in Architecture, Art & Design, Dance, Landscape Architecture, Music, Theatre, and Urban & Regional Planning.
Declaration & Certification of Finances Form

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Graduate College
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT URBANA-CHAMPAIGN

Declaration & Certification of Finances for I-20 / DS-2019 Application

STUDENT INFORMATION
UN (If Applicable): ___________________________ Date of Birth: __/__/____
Last Name (Family Name): __________________________________________
First Name: ___________________________ Middle Name: ___________________________
Proposed Program: ___________________________ Term: ___________________________

SPONSOR AFFIDAVIT OF SUPPORT
Please complete the following information and sign below if you are willing to sponsor the student (and dependents if applicable) for the full cost of tuition, fees, and living expenses for the full length of the program:

Sponsor 1:
Signature of Sponsor: ___________________________ Date: __/__/____
Name of Sponsor (please print): ___________________________
Relationship of Sponsor to Applicant: ___________________________
Address of Sponsor: ___________________________

Sponsor 2:
Signature of Sponsor: ___________________________ Date: __/__/____
Name of Sponsor (please print): ___________________________
Relationship of Sponsor to Applicant: ___________________________
Address of Sponsor: ___________________________

Sponsor 3:
Signature of Sponsor: ___________________________ Date: __/__/____
Name of Sponsor (please print): ___________________________
Relationship of Sponsor to Applicant: ___________________________
Address of Sponsor: ___________________________

If you plan to sponsor the student for less than the full cost of tuition, fees, and living expenses or for less than the full length of the program, please attach a detailed letter of sponsorship.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT
I certify that the above information is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I am fully aware than any false or misleading statement may result in an automatic denial of my admission request or eventual dismissal from the University of Illinois.
Signature: ___________________________ Date: __/__/____
Funding Types
Departmental Funding

- **Types:**
  - Assistantships, Fellowships, Scholarships, Stand-Alone Tuition Waivers

- **Information Required:**
  - All Types: Annual Stipend and Terms Included
  - Add’l Info for Assistantships: Appointment Percentage
  - J-1 Students: Need confirmation if appointment is renewable for entire length of program – Type in Referral Comments

- **Minimum Stipends:**
  - To cover full cost of a base rate, Engineering or Chem/Life Sciences program for Fall/Spring admits (with no dependents), the stipend must be at least $23,337.
2023 Tuition Waiver Amounts

➢ Tuition Waivers as Part of an Assistantship or Fellowship (Base Rate Programs):

   Fall/Spring Tuition Waiver: $32,992
   Fall/Spring/Summer Tuition Waiver: $41,483

   Costs covered include: base tuition, service fee, health service fee, health insurance add-in, AFMFA fee, library fee

➢ Stand-Alone Tuition Waivers (Base Rate Programs):

   Fall/Spring Tuition Waiver: $30,902
   Fall/Spring/Summer Tuition Waiver: $38,474
Organization Funding

- Types:
  - Government, University, Employer, Other Business

- Documentation Requirement:
  - Signed Letter of Sponsorship
    - Letter must be printed on the organization’s letterhead with an official stamp and/or signature
    - Letters must include sponsorship details (amount and length of sponsorship)
  - Bank statements are **NOT** required for organization funding
    - However, if provided, they will be reviewed
  - Declaration of Finance forms are **NOT** accepted, we must have the Letter of Sponsorship
Personal Funding

- The applicant will be sponsoring him/herself
- Can use as many bank accounts as needed
- Documentation Requirements:
  - Bank Statement(s):
    - Statements must be in English or accompanied by a certified English translation
    - We need to be able to confirm the account type, current balance, bank name & account holder’s name
    - Statement must be dated within 1 year of the admission referral
    - Funds should be available by start of term

Declaration of Finance Form is NOT required for personal funds
Family and Sponsor Funding

- Relatives, very generous friends or if relationship is unknown
- An applicant can have as many sponsors with as many bank statements as needed to cover the total expenses

Documentation Requirements:

- Bank Statement(s):
  - Statements must be in English or accompanied by a certified English translation
  - We need to be able to confirm the account type, current balance, bank name & account holder’s name
  - Statement must be dated within 1 year of the admission referral
  - Funds should be available by start of term

- Declaration of Finance Form or Letter of Sponsorship
  - Document must include the printed & hand-signed signature of each sponsor
  - Need to be able to match the sponsor’s name to the bank account holder
Examples
Dear Sir/Madam,

Subject: Education Loan Sanction Letter

Based upon and relying on the facts and information provided by you in your Application Form No. dated 15/04/2021 seeking grant of an Education Loan ("Loan"), we have pleasure in repairing you our sanction of an amount of Rs. 980,000/- (Rupees Nine Hundred Eighty Thousand only) equivalent to USD 79,139 approx. at exchange rate of 1 USD - 79.139 (INR) on following terms:

- Rate of Interest: 12.99% p.a. floating rate
- Term: The loan will be repaid in a total of 164 monthly installments ("EMIs"). The EMIs for first 36 months will be Rs. 10,600/- per month and for next 128 months will be Rs. 10,998/- per month.
- Fees: A one-time origination fee equivalent to Rs. 83,550/- inclusive of all taxes.
- Validity of offer: This sanction/offer letter will automatically stand withdrawn if the disbursement is not made within 30th September 2022.
- Mf ACH and Security ACH Mandate From;
- Insurance to be taken by the Applicant and duly assigned in favour of HDFC Credila Financial Services Limited ("HDFC Credila")
- Collateral Security: The Applicant’s shall provide collateral by way of assignment of immovable property hereafter
- Visa: Loan to be disbursed only after receiving a valid visa to study in the country of study from the competent authority.

The Educational Loan availability is subject to satisfactory completion of loan documentation. This letter of offer shall stand unconditionally revoked and cancelled and shall be absolutely null and void even after acceptance by you if:

- There are any material changes in the proposal for which the said loan is sanctioned. Final disbursement will be made based on the favorable validation and authentication of all applied documents.
- Any material fact concerning your income/property or ability to pay, or any other relevant aspect of your application of Loan is withheld, suppressed, or concealed or not made known to us.
- Any statement made in the application is found to be incorrect or untrue.
- The Education Loan Agreement and other documents, as required by us or are not executed before validity of this sanction letter or during any further extension of the period mutually agreed upon.
- Any information as may be required by HDFC Credila from time to time is not furnished in the form prescribed/approved by HDFC Credila.
- As an outcome of legal due diligence, HDFC Credila is of the view that it is unsuitable to proceed further with the offer as made hereinabove.
- Disbursement of each tranche will be based on favorable verification & financial check of applicant.

We look forward to your acceptance of this offer in order to expedite the conclusion of this transaction and the disbursement hereunder. Please substantiate an appointment at the nearest HDFC Credila branch to discuss further terms and conditions and also complete the loan related paperwork and formalities.

For HDFC Credila Financial Services Limited
(wholly owned by HDFC Credila Financial Services Private Limited)

Authorization Signature

This sanction letter is without the holograms. Please do not accept it, if it is without the holograms and immediately report such incidence to support@hdfccredila.com.
Organization Sponsor Letter Example: Acceptable
TO WHOMSOEVER IT MAY CONCERN

SOLVENCY CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that Mr. [Name] is maintaining saving bank account Number No. 10536150703 with this branch. To the best of our knowledge Mr. [Name] is respectable and can be treated as good up to sum of US $ 62000/- (Sixty two thousand U.S Dollars) i.e. equivalent to Indian Rs. 30.00 lacs (Rupees Thirty lacs only)

It is clarified that this information is furnished without any risk and responsibility on the part of STATE BANK OF INDIA or its officials whatsoever. This certificate is issued at the specific request of the customer for the purpose of higher education of his son Mr. abroad on the basis of documentary evidence.

[Signature]

[Branch Manager]

[Stamp]

31/12/2009

Bank Statement
Example 2:
Unacceptable
Bank Statement

Example 4:

Unacceptable

CA. S. RAMASUBRAMANIAM, FCA.
(S. RAMJEET)
Chartered Accountant

CERTIFICATE

I, S. Ramasubramaniam, Fellow Member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India, do hereby certify that I have reviewed the financial condition of
and

with a view to establishing their ability
to pay the educational costs including living expenses of their son

which is estimated to be US $ 53,663/- for the period of one year at The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

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<td>91,03,854/-</td>
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<td>CURRENT INCOME FROM INDIA</td>
<td>12,113</td>
<td>5,33,000/-</td>
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<td>TOTAL</td>
<td>2,19,019</td>
<td>96,36,854/-</td>
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Note: On verification of a letter from the physics department of University of Illinois-Urbana-Champaign, it is observed that the funds from the college itself sufficient towards the students means, comprising of full tuition fees, partial tuition fee and a stipend which works out to $ 50,558 /-. It is further observed that there is a fellowship award of $6500 /- from Amherst College also, all totalling to US $ 57,058 /-. Any further expenditure towards education or living expenses will be met out of own family funds.

However the Assets particulars are given to establish the financial stability of the parents

S. Ramasubramaniam
Chartered Accountant

# 29, CRANLEY LODGE, HOSPITAL ROAD, UDHAGAMANDALAM - 643 001.
Phone: Off: 2441671 Fax: 2441671 Mob: 9445300004 E-mail: ramjeet chaud@gmail.com
SEVIS Process Incomplete Notification

- If any required documents are missing or unacceptable, an email will be sent to the department only detailing what is needed:
  - No passport, no dependent passport, no funding documentation, no declaration of finance form, short funding, no country of citizenship address and/or other – see comments

- The student can upload additional documents to their admissions status page and notify the department or grad@illinois.edu when available

- Any department funding changes or new uploads, please email grad@Illinois.edu to review.
SEVIS Process Complete Notifications

- **Initial, Change of Levels or Change of Status I-20**
  - An email will go out to the student and department contact with a link to the I-20.
  - This email will also include directions for next actions to take for the student.

- **Transfers**
  - These students’ email will include directions to request a SEVIS transfer with their current university’s international student office.
  - After their SEVIS record has been transferred to UIUC, we will be able to issue the visa eligibility document. A new email with a link to the I-20 will go out once the document has been issued.

- DS-2019s will receive an email to verify their mailing address and then another email once their DS-2019 is mailed.
Sample I-20
Late Arrivals

• The Program Start Date is the deadline to arrive in the US
• We want students here by 10th day but will review additional time on a case-by-case basis
• Late arrival approvals will need to come from the department in order to update the I-20
  • If visa appointment is after PSD, then we should update I-20 before the appointment
  • If has visa, then we will need their booked US arrival date
• Ensure your student is aware of the challenges of late arrivals
  • Housing
  • Transitioning while studying and/or working
  • OPT qualifications
  • Tuition refunds if have to withdraw
FAQs

- Who should I direct any I-20/visa questions to?
  - GC can assist all new and re-entry graduate students
  - Current graduate students, considered current once they have checked in, can be assisted by ISSS

- When will the Transfer I-20 be issued?
  - The student should choose a release date with their current university and UIUC department. We typically issue the I-20 within a couple of business days from the release date.

- Changes were made to a student’s I-20, will the SEVIS ID change?
  - If they paid their SEVIS fee, any updates to their current I-20 are unlikely to change the SEVIS ID.

- What is the SEVIS or I-901 fee?
  - A federal fee to maintain SEVIS most Initial and Change of Status students will be required to pay before their visa interview. Any questions regarding the SEVIS fee will need to go to https://www.fmjfee.com.

- A student’s EPT requirement was removed for new test scores, will they need a new I-20?
  - Students whose admission is updated from limited status to full status will not be issued a new I-20.

- Why is there a dash (-) for the student’s first/given name?
  - If the student has 1 name listed on their passport, it has to be listed as the last name. Banner & Slate require a first name, so a dash will be used. The first name will be left blank on the I-20.

- Do you need a copy of a new passport?
  - We will only need an updated passport if the person’s name has changed or if it is for a new citizenship country.