General Information

As an integrated student on an F-1 visa, you already have a valid undergraduate-level I-20. Before you begin the last year of your program, you must be issued a new I-20 which shows that you are a graduate student. If you are not an F-1 student, you may not need to complete the financial requirement. If your status is not discussed below, please contact Graduate Studies directly for instructions.

Submit Proof of Current U.S. Visa Status
(To be completed by all students)

All international students (including permanent residents) must present proof of current Immigration status to Graduate Studies. If original copies of documents cannot be sent in, notarized copies will be accepted. Official copies for Graduate Studies use only can be made by bringing the original documentation to the Graduate Studies office (105 FPH). Only official/notarized documents will be accepted.

- All students are required to submit copies of the biographical page of their passport and the passports of any dependents (including dependents who are U.S. citizens).
- If you are currently an F-1 student, submit a copy of your I-20 and your most recent I-94 with your financial documentation.
- If you are an H-1B holder, submit an official/notarized copy of your I-797 and a letter from your employer stating that they are aware you are studying (financial documentation not required).
- If you are a U.S. Permanent Resident, submit a copy of your green card (financial documentation not required).
- If you are a Permanent Resident Applicant, submit a copy of your EAD card or a receipt payment for I-485 Adjustment to LPR status (financial documentation not required).

Complete and Submit GS Form I-1 to Graduate Studies
(To be completed by F-1 students only)

On GS Form I-1, you are required to indicate all sources of funding, along with the amount from each source that you expect to receive for each year.

- Personal: If you will be using personal funds, complete GS Form I-1 and attach a recent, official bank statement or tax return.
- Parent or Sponsor: All sponsors must complete the Form I-2: Contract of Support. Attach a recent, official bank statement or tax return. The name of the account holder or tax payer must be the same as the signature on the Contract of Support. The amount pledged per year by a parent or sponsor should not exceed 30 percent of the sponsor’s total income.
- Government or other agency: If a government or another sponsoring agency is providing funding, print the name of the institution and enclose official letters of award (see section below on acceptable letters). Institutions do not need to complete GS Form I-2.
- BYU Department: To request funding from your department, fill in the department’s name and the amount that you are requesting. Upon admission, the department will notify you of any funding given. Please note that the department bears no obligation to provide financial support.

Any change in circumstances, (such as the addition of new dependents, or a change in available funding) must be reported to Graduate Studies immediately.

Types of Acceptable Support and Documentation for Financial Certification

- Submit the most recent bank statements possible. Statements will expire after six months, and we must have valid documentation on file at the time your I-20 is issued.
- On-line/home banking print-outs will NOT be accepted unless they have been verified (signed and stamped) by a local branch of the bank.
- In lieu of bank statements, you may obtain a letter written by your bank stating the account holder’s name and the total funds available in his/her accounts. To protect the confidentiality of the account holder, the letter may state that the account has a given amount available, as long as the given amount is sufficient to clear the requirement. These letters must be signed and dated by the bank.
- Tax returns from the most recent year may be used in place of bank statements. Please include any W-2s.
- Letters from institutions, fellowships, governments, or other sponsoring agencies will be accepted if they are dated and signed by an official from the organization, contain the specific amount of the award, and the duration of the award.
- Credit card statements and balances are NOT accepted.
- If a document is in a language other than English, an official translation must be attached to the original document.

If you have further questions, please contact our International Specialists at 422-7367 or intl@byu.edu.