



# FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY

## Financial Certification Form (FCF)

### INTERNATIONAL GRADUATE STUDENTS

The Financial Certification Form (FCF) is a required supplemental form for international applicants seeking to obtain immigration documents for international student status (I-20 for F-1 students and DS-2019 for J-1 students). The I-20/DS-2019 is a Certificate of Eligibility to obtain the F-1/J-1 visa. The Applicants may submit the FCF and supporting documents at any time during their admission process. The International Services (IS) office will issue the appropriate immigration documents only after the applicant (1) has been formally admitted to FAU, and (2) completed this form and submitted acceptable financial supporting documents. For information about international admission requirements and deadlines please visit: <http://www.fau.edu/graduate/>

For questions about this form and other visa/immigration requirements for international students please visit <http://www.fau.edu/iss>

### INSTRUCTIONS

1. Complete Financial Certification Form (FCF).
2. Attach appropriate supporting documents (page 3).
3. Enter your name as it appears in your passport. Attach passport copies (biographical and validity date info).
4. Submit form to ISSS either by mail **or** electronically:
  - a. **Mail:** Return pages 2 and 3 of this form (including all supporting documents) by the designated deadline to: Florida Atlantic University, International Services (IS), DP-49, Attn: I-20 Processing or DS-2019 Processing, Boca Raton, Florida, 33431;
  - b. **Electronic Submission:** Go to the following link for instructions on how to submit this form: [http://www.fau.edu/iss/New\\_Student\\_Documents.php](http://www.fau.edu/iss/New_Student_Documents.php)
5. Telephone: 561-297-3049; Fax: 561-297-2446

### ESTIMATED OF COST OF ATTENDANCE ~ INTERNATIONAL GRADUATE STUDENTS

|                               | Students who seek admission for<br>Fall or Spring Semester                              | Students who seek admission<br>for Summer Semester                                          |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Expenses <sup>1</sup>         | Annual estimated cost of attendance for<br>18 credit hours (Fall & Spring) <sup>2</sup> | Annual Estimated cost of attendanc<br>for 24 credit hours & 12 months of<br>living expenses |
| Tuition and Fees <sup>3</sup> | \$ 18, 447 (18 credits)                                                                 | \$ 24, 595 (24 credits)                                                                     |
| Books and Supplies            | \$ 1, 224                                                                               | \$ 1, 224                                                                                   |
| Living Expenses <sup>4</sup>  | \$ 18, 760                                                                              | \$ 18, 760                                                                                  |
| Insurance <sup>5</sup>        | \$ 1, 350                                                                               | \$ 1, 350                                                                                   |
| <b>TOTAL ESTIMATE</b>         | <b>\$ 39, 781</b>                                                                       | <b>\$ 45, 929</b>                                                                           |

<sup>1</sup>Costs are estimated based on Student Financial Aid Budgets. They are subject to change without notice.

<sup>2</sup>International graduate students are expected to enroll for a minimum of 9 credit hours during fall and spring semester. Students who begin their program in the summer are also required to enroll for a minimum of 6 credit hours during the summer in which they start the program.

<sup>3</sup>The cost per graduate credit hour is \$1,024.81. For a breakdown of tuition and fees included in each credit, go to: [http://fau.edu/controller/student\\_information/tuition\\_breakdown.php](http://fau.edu/controller/student_information/tuition_breakdown.php).

<sup>4</sup>Living expenses include housing, meals, transportation and incidentals and are estimated based on the university's student financial aid budget calculations. The monthly average for living expenses is estimated at **\$1563**. Students living with family/relatives in the area may contact International Graduate Admissions to inquire about [alternate guidelines for living expenses](#) <sup>5</sup>Insurance is mandatory for international students and must be purchased prior to enrollment for classes.

## STUDENT INFORMATION

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|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| LAST/FAMILY NAME               | FIRST/GIVEN NAME               | MIDDLE NAME            |
| COUNTRY OF BIRTH               | CITY OF BIRTH                  | COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP |
| COUNTRY OF PERMANENT RESIDENCE | DATE OF BIRTH (MONTH/DAY/YEAR) | GENDER (MALE/FEMALE)   |

## VISA INFORMATION

**All Applicants:** Please indicate ☒ for the visa status you are applying for: ☐ F-1 Student ☐ J-1 Student

**Applicants Currently in the U.S.:** Please indicate ☒ for your current visa status:

☐ F-1 ☐ F-2 ☐ J-1 ☐ J-2 ☐ A-1 ☐ B-1/B-2 ☐ E ☐ H-1/H-4 ☐ L-1/L-2

☐ Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_ Current immigration status expires on (month/day/year) \_\_\_\_\_

If you are currently in **F-1** or **J-1** status, please submit a copy of your SEVIS I-20 or DS-2019 and submit the [SEVIS Transfer Form](#)

If you are not in F-1 status, do you plan to return to your home country to apply for the F-1/J-1 visa? ☐ Yes ☐ No

**If you answered No, you must contact FAU International Services (IS) at (561) 297-3049 or at [iss@fau.edu](mailto:iss@fau.edu) regarding eligibility and procedures to apply for a change of status.**

## DEPENDENT INFORMATION

If your spouse or children will be joining you in the U.S., or if they are already in the U.S. as your F-2 or J-2 dependents, please provide the following biographical data for each person. Use a separate sheet if necessary. Additional funding is required for dependents (\$5,000 for spouse and \$3,000 for each child). Important: you must submit copy of your dependent's passport!

| Name (Last, First, Middle as it appears in the passport) | Date of Birth (Mo/Day/Yr) | City & Country of Birth | Country of Citizenship | Country of Permanent Residence | Gender (Male/Female) | Relationship to the student |
|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|
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## ADDRESS INFORMATION

**Local Address (if currently in US)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Permanent Home Country Address (Required):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone (required):** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

## I-20 DELIVERY INFORMATION

☐ Contact for pick-up (please list email and telephone # if different from above \_\_\_\_\_)

☐ Mail to the following address: \_\_\_\_\_

*Students who wish to expedite delivery or make other mailing arrangements must contact the ISSS office directly*

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Funds may come from any dependable source including scholarships, sponsoring organizations, personal funds or funds from student's family depending on which of the categories you check below. Funding documents must be dated no more than six months old at the time when the I-20/DS-2019 is issued. Documentation of scholarships and sponsoring organizations needs to be in the form of an original award letter. Personal and/or family funds need to be on the official letterhead stationery of the bank/financial institution, and they need to verify that the required amount (estimated cost of attendance) specific for your situation is available for your studies. All letters must be written in English, and figures must be stated in US currency (for more information about financial documents and to view examples please check our web).

| Examples of acceptable funding documents                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Examples of unacceptable funding documents                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Savings and Checking Accounts</li> <li>• Money Market Accounts</li> <li>• Deposits with no withdrawal restrictions or maturity dates</li> <li>• Scholarship or Grant award letters from U.S. government, foreign government, or international agency specifying covered expenses and any upper limits on those expenses</li> <li>• Letter/Memo from FAU Department awarding scholarship, fellowship, assistantship, tuition waivers</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Certificate of Deposit not matured or with withdrawal restrictions</li> <li>• Investment accounts (stocks, bonds)</li> <li>• Funds already used to support another F-1 or J-1 visa holder</li> <li>• Real estate holdings</li> <li>• Life insurance policies</li> <li>• Credit card limits or balances</li> <li>• Business accounts without an individual account holder name</li> </ul> |

Please indicate ☒ how you will be supported (you may use more than one checkmark):

☐ I am planning to **support myself** through personal savings. I have attached an original letter from my bank which verifies that US \$\_\_\_\_\_are available for me to study in Florida Atlantic University

☐ I will be supported by my **parents or a sponsor**. I have attached an original letter from the bank of my parents/sponsor which verifies that U.S. \$\_\_\_\_\_are available for me to study in Florida Atlantic University.

☐ Optional: In addition to the bank letter I also have attached an original certified written declaration about supporting my living expenses by my family/relative who lives in the U.S. (click [here](#) to view sample letter).

☐ My **government** is sponsoring my studies. I have attached a certified letter from my government which verifies that U.S. \$\_\_\_\_\_are available for me to study in Florida Atlantic University.

☐ I will be supported by an **award**, which I will receive from \_\_\_\_\_. The amount of this award is U.S. \$\_\_\_\_\_. I have attached an official award letter which verifies the amount and the commitment to support me in my studies in Florida Atlantic University.

**Student/Sponsor Statement:** I certify that the above information is correct, and that the funding amount listed above will be available for the first year and each subsequent year of study for the duration of the student's academic program.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sponsor Name Relationship to Student

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sponsor Signature Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature Date