

# Visa Information for International Students

Additional information can be found at [www.cgu.edu/international](http://www.cgu.edu/international)



Welcome to Claremont Graduate University (CGU)! After you are admitted you will need a student visa in order to enter the United States to study. As part of the visa application process, you must have either a SEVIS I-20 form (for an F-1 visa) or a SEVIS DS-2019 (for a J-1 visa) issued by CGU or your sponsor. **Verification of adequate financial support for twelve months must be submitted to the Assistant Director of International Services before a SEVIS I-20 or SEVIS DS-2019 can be issued to you.**

## **Directions/Guidance for Submitting Acceptable Financial Statements**

To assist you in completing the Affidavit of Financial Support, you will find a brief description of possible sources of support. While CGU does not require proof of financial support beyond the first twelve months of enrollment, you should carefully consider how you will support yourself during subsequent years of enrollment.

**Personal savings** - If you have sufficient savings of your own and intend to use it for all or part of your financial support, please indicate the name of your bank in the space provided on page 3 and provide a bank statement verifying funds.

**Parents and/or sponsors** - If your parents, or others, are willing to sponsor all or part of your studies, they should indicate the amount of funds they are making available to you and sign the Affidavit of Financial Support form (or submit a letter stating they will sponsor you for the amount indicated) in addition to submitting financial statements.

**Employer, government or international organization** - Should you be sponsored by an employer, government, or scholarship organization, please indicate the name of the agency on page 3 and include a letter of award signed by an authorized representative. The letter of award should provide us with the following information:

- Will the sponsoring agency assume your full expenses for tuition and fees? Please Note: CGU will not bill your sponsor automatically. You will be responsible for providing your sponsor with your Student Account information.
- Will it provide you with living expenses? If so, how much?
- Is the sponsorship valid for a specific time span (i.e. 2 years) or is it renewable until the degree is awarded?
- Will extra support be given if your spouse and/or children accompany you? If so, how much?

**Institutional aid** – Please list any tuition fellowship, assistantship or stipend awarded to you by CGU on page 3.

**Other** - If you have other sources of support be sure to enclose statements verifying the accuracy of this entry. For example, if you intend to stay with family or friends who live near CGU, you must submit a notarized statement indicating that you will be provided with room and board for the duration of your studies.

**You must submit a bank statement or signed letter from a bank official verifying the amount in AVAILABLE USD you have indicated for each statement made on the Affidavit.** Remember:

- We cannot accept future funds (i.e. paychecks or accounts where funds are restricted until a later date) or other forms of unavailable funds (i.e. stocks/bonds, trust, Money Market/CD, life insurance, housing allowances, etc.). To ensure uninterrupted processing, fund statements should be one of the following 4 types: checking, savings, time deposit (maturity reached), or demand deposit.
- All support documents must be dated no earlier than **7 months** from the date your I-20/DS-2019 is issued.
- All financial statements should be in English, however, we can calculate the exchange rate if the amount is listed in a foreign currency.

## **Estimated Minimum Expenses for 2008-2009\***

	16 units per term (Drucker school programs)	12 units per term & 15 units for Art (All other schools)	Doctoral Studies (current continuing students only)	Int'l Fellows (Summer Language Program)
Tuition and Fees for 9 months	\$45,418	\$33,698	\$3,196	\$55,410
Books and Supplies	\$1,020	\$1,020	\$1,020	\$1,530
Living Expenses for 12 months	\$18,956	\$18,956	\$18,956	\$18,956
Medical Insurance	\$963	\$963	\$963	\$963
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$66,357</b>	<b>\$54,637</b>	<b>\$24,135</b>	<b>\$76,859</b>

An additional \$4,000.00 USD for a spouse and \$2,250.00 USD for each dependent child is required for a 12-month period.

\*Tuition amounts are an average; you may contact Student Accounts for specific amounts. **For I-20/DS-2019 issuance you must show the minimum required amount stated above; no exceptions.** Please remember that this amount represents the maximum that you can expect to incur for one year (tuition & cost of living prices will increase approximately 6% each year. Health Insurance fees may also increase yearly). Actual costs will vary according to living arrangements.

# AFFIDAVIT OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Please read page 1 for additional guidance on completing this form



**Please fill in all information below. Information will be used to create immigration documentation.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Last/Family (As appears on passport)                      First                      Middle                      Gender (M or F)

\_\_\_\_\_  
City of Birth, Country of Birth                      Country of Citizenship                      Date of Birth

- 1. Are you currently in the US?** Yes  (please answer 1a-1d) No  (please go to next section)
- 1a.** What status do you currently have? F-1  J-1  Other (specify)  \_\_\_\_\_  
(If Other, please see below)
- 1b.** Will you apply for a change of status within the U.S.? Yes  No  (If yes, please see below)
- 1c.** Are you currently attending another school in the US? Yes  No  (If yes, please see below)
- 1d.** Will you be leaving the country before studying at CGU? Yes  No

**Important:**

- If you answered “**Yes**” to question 1b OR if you answered “**Other**” to question 1a, you may need to apply for a change of status with the U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services. Please see the “Change of Immigration Status” handout on our website at [www.cgu.edu/pages/411.asp](http://www.cgu.edu/pages/411.asp) for information on how to proceed and/or contact the Assistant Director of International Services at [international@cgu.edu](mailto:international@cgu.edu).
- If you answered “**Yes**” to question 1c, please ask your school to complete and return the Transfer to CGU form (form #1-2) found on our website at [www.cgu.edu/pages/411.asp](http://www.cgu.edu/pages/411.asp). In the meantime, please complete the instructions for students on the Transfer to CGU form. Remember, regardless of if you are transferring units, your school will need to transfer you in SEVIS before a CGU I-20/ DS-2019 can be issued to you.

**2. What status will you be applying for?** F-1  J-1

**3. Will you bring family members with you to the US?:** Yes  No  (please go to next section)  
If, “Yes” please enter the requested information for each dependent below. Eligible dependents are limited to your spouse and unmarried children under the age of 21 (do not include U.S. Citizens).  
Note: Students sponsored by a scholarship organization may have limitations on bringing family members; please check with your sponsor before completing this section.

Family Name	First Name	Middle Name	Date of Birth (MM/DD/YY)	City & Country of Birth & Citizenship	Relationship & Gender
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**4. Permanent Address in your home country** (including postal code, if applicable):

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Address to which I-20/DS-2019 should be sent** (if different, including postal code, if applicable):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone Number** (including country and city codes): \_\_\_\_\_

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- Checking   
  Savings   
  Demand Deposit   
  Time Deposit (maturity reached)

## 5. FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Please enter the source and amount of your financial support during the first twelve months of your enrollment, preferably in U.S. dollars (\$). Please print all entries.

Source	Amount
<b>Personal Savings</b> (please enter Name of Bank)	
<b>Parents/ Sponsor</b> (please enter Name of Sponsor and Relation to you)	
<b>Government/International Organization</b> (please enter Name of Agency)	
<b>Employer</b> (please enter Name of Employer)	
<b>Institutional Aid from CGU</b> (remember, fellowships apply to tuition <i>only</i> – calculate the percentage from the tuition line and indicate the amount here, e.g. 20% of \$33,698 = \$6,739; subtract this amount from the total needed to show)	
<b>Other</b> (please specify):	
<b>Total amount of support from all sources:</b>	

By signing below, I certify that the information provided here is correct and complete:

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

By signing below, I certify that I have read the information supplied by the applicant on this form, that it is a true and accurate statement, and that the funds are available and will be provided as indicated:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sponsor Signature (if not providing separate sponsor statement)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Please return this form and supporting documents to:**  
 Assistant Director of International Services, Claremont Graduate University,  
 160 E. 10<sup>th</sup> St. Claremont, CA 91711, U.S.A.

We highly recommend that you initially fax copies to 1-909-607-7285 or email scanned copies to [international@cgu.edu](mailto:international@cgu.edu) in addition to mailing the originals to the address listed above.