

International Student Visa Support Guideline

To attend the George Washington University, you must obtain a form I-20 or DS-2019

The Form I-20/DS-2019 is the document that you will need to bring to the US Consulate to receive your student visa

*Students Requesting an F-1 Visa Require an I-20

*Students Requesting a J-1 Visa Require a DS-2019

I-20/DS-2019 will be sent to you when GSEHD receives:

- A Copy of the biographic page of your passport
- Visa Request and Financial Certification Form (VRFC)
- Supporting Financial Documents

Visa Request and Financial Certification Form

-This is the first form you **MUST** fill-out

-It contains general information such as your name, address and contact information

This form must be up-to-date! Please go to graduate.admissions.gwu.edu for the most recent form, **WE** will **NOT** accept outdated forms.

When completing the VRFC

1. Write your name **EXACTLY** as it appears on your passport
2. Write your Address where you live. **MUST BE OUTSIDE THE U.S.**
3. Write your citizenship and the nation where you were born
4. In the area where it says GW School you are applying write: "GSEHD"
5. Write the degree program to which you are applying
6. If applicable, state your current immigration status, leave blank if you are not in the US
7. If you are bringing dependents (i.e. spouse, children,) indicate in the form

VRFC Form Instructions:

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The Academic and Living section gives a break down of the cost by: tuition, living expenses, books and supplies, and health insurance.

The Total is the amount you must show for each of attendance

NOTE: Ph.D. Students may have higher costs

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-The chart indicates what your sources of funding are, where they come from and how much you have for each source for each year

-You must fill-in the chart according to the cost of attendance for each year and your type of funding

YOU MUST FILL OUT THE FORM FOR BOTH YEARS

-Multiple sources of funding are acceptable

-Must indicate in the chart the **EXACT** amounts for **EACH** source of funding for **BOTH** Years

-For those students who have family/individual sponsors, they must fill out the bottom portion of the form and sign it as well.

Do **NOT** forget to **sign the form!** We accept both electronic and written signatures.

Supporting Financial Documents

-The forms of acceptable funding and supporting financial documents needed to prove the source of funding are as follows:

Self-Support

-The source of funding is coming directly from YOU and no other

-If this is your MAIN SOURCE. Then you **MUST** have **Liquid Assets** for your **ENTIRE** program for both years.

Provide the following to prove this source of funding:

-Official bank statement must have:

1. Account Numbers
2. Your Name
3. Available Funds
4. No more than 1 year old

Must be Liquid! Savings account, checking account or a sweep money market account, **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

We **DO NOT** accept investment portfolios, foreign loan statements, real estate certificates, or income statements as forms of funding.

Supporting Financial Documents

The forms of acceptable funding and supporting financial documents needed to prove the source of funding are as follows:

-Family or Individual Sponsor:

-The main source of funding is coming directly from a Family member or individual

-Can provide full or partial funding

-If this is your main source of funding, they must **PROVIDE LIQUID ASSETS FOR AT LEAST 1 YEAR OF ATTENDANCE IN YOUR PROGRAM**

Provide the following to prove this source of funding:

-Official Bank statement with the **SPONSORS** name on the account

-The Sponsor who signed the bottom of the **VRFC MUST PROVIDE THE BANK STATEMENT**

-Bank statement must have:

1. Account Numbers
2. Available Funds
3. No more than 1 year old

-Must be **LIQUID!** Savings account, checking account or a sweep money market account, **NO EXCEPTIONS**

-We **DO NOT** accept investment portfolios, foreign loan statements, real estate certificates, or income statements as forms of funding.

Supporting Financial Documents

The forms of acceptable funding and supporting financial documents needed to prove the source of funding are as follows:

Government Agency or Other Sponsoring Organizations:

-the main source of funding is coming directly from a Government agency or Organization/Company that is not GSEHD or GWU

-Can provide full or partial funding

-If this is your main source of funding, they must **PROVIDE ASSETS FOR YOUR ENTIRE program, BOTH YEARS**

-Provide the following to prove this source of funding:

The Sponsorship Letter must state the following:

1. The start and end dates of the sponsorship
2. The amount of the sponsorship
3. The name of the student they are sponsoring
4. The name of the University and School (The George Washington Graduate School of Education & Human Development)
5. The degree the student is pursuing

-If this is your **MAIN AND ONLY SOURCE OF FUNDING** the letter **must state that it covers ALL costs associated with tuition, living, books and supplies, and health insurance NO EXCEPTIONS**

Attention all Saudi SACM Students: We **ONLY** accept the letter that says "FINANCIAL GUARANTEE." We **DO NOT** accept the for "Admissions Purposes" Letter.

Supporting Financial Documents

The forms of acceptable funding and supporting financial documents needed to prove the source of funding are as follows:

GW:

- The source of funding is coming from the university.

- This includes any scholarships or grants GW has awarded to you.

- Provide the following to prove this source of funding:

 - OFFICIAL GW Award Letter

 - GW Award letter must contain the following:

1. On Official GW Letterhead
2. Amount given to you
3. Duration of the award

Submitting Your Financial Documents

The sources you indicated on the visa request form you must provide proper documentation. This must be **EXACTLY** previously described

Failure to submit the documents **EXACTLY** as described will result in a **delay of the issuance of your form I-20/DS-2019**

Documents in certified US currency (USD), if possible

If the documents are not in English, please have them officially translated by a certified translation agency. **ALL documents must be in English.**

GSEHD accepts all documents electronically. All documents to be sent to: gsehdosl@gwu.edu

Financial documents must be no more than 12 months old

Must show funding for ENTIRE PROGRAM

Biographic Page of Passport

- Copy of your biographic/identification information
- Must be valid for the entire duration of the student's program