



University at Buffalo
The State University of New York

Office of International Education
International Student and Scholar Services

ACCEPTABLE FINANCIAL DOCUMENTATION

U.S. immigration regulations require valid, current financial documentation for certain procedures, including "Extension of Stay," and issuance of new or dependent I-20's / DS-2019's.

The University at Buffalo will accept the following as financial proof:

- **Proof of Tuition Scholarship / Assistantship:** If you have an assistantship, you must submit to ISSS proof of such financial support from your department. This proof must include the dates of your appointment, the total stipend amount, and whether or not you also receive a tuition scholarship.
- **Original bank statements** verifying account balance. If providing statements from a U.S. bank, we need your most recent three months of statements. The total balance for the three months should average at least the amount of money you are required to show for your I-20/DS-2019. Note: We also accept bank statements from your home country. Receipts from automatic teller machines do not constitute bank statements. If your bank statements are electronic, please have them signed and stamped by an official at your bank.
- **Original letters from bank officials** written in English **on bank letterhead** verifying the account holder, account number, current balance and balance for the two preceding months **or** statement of average monthly balance for the past six months.
- **Original letters from sponsors** written in English verifying the sponsor's name, and willingness and financial ability to support you. Proof of financial ability can include an employer letter (on employer letterhead) verifying annual salary and continuing employment, original bank statements and original letters from bank officials. Note: Your sponsor cannot be another UB student.

PLEASE NOTE: If the documentation provided is not in your own name, it must be accompanied by an original signed letter from the bank account holder or sponsor promising to support you financially and verifying that the documented funds are available for your studies at the University at Buffalo.

Photocopies are not acceptable forms of financial proof.

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