ACCEPTABLE FINANCIAL DOCUMENTATION

U.S. immigration regulations require current, valid financial documentation for the issuance of new, extended 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:** If you are providing bank statements from your home country, we only require one recent statement. Receipts from automatic teller machines do not constitute bank statements.

- **Loan Letters or Line of Credit Letters**

- **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.

**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. **Note:** Your sponsor cannot be another UB student.

**NOTE:** We will not accept Stock Market Statements, Valuation Statements (Jewelry, Gold, Property) or Employer Letters/Salary Statements.

**NOTE:** Documents must be dated within one year of the I-20 / DS-2019 request. Documents can be clear photocopies, scanned, faxed or original.