

Certification of Financial Responsibility

F-1 Student | Student, I-20, and dependent information | 2026-2027

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Purpose of this form

F-1 students must demonstrate sufficient financial support to cover estimated educational and living expenses while studying at UTRGV. This form documents the financial resources available to the student for issuance or update of Form I-20.

Before you begin

Complete all applicable sections, gather supporting financial documents, obtain sponsor signatures when needed, and submit this CFR with the passport biographical page and required financial documents.

1 Reason for Form I-20 Request

Please select ONE reason

☐ Initial Form I-20 ☐ Extension of Program ☐ Re-entry After Status Violation ☐ Update on Current I-20

2 Student Information

Family / Last name

First / Given name

Middle (if applicable)

UTRGV ID

Date of birth

(MM/DD/YYYY)

Sex as listed on passport

☐ Male ☐ Female

Country of birth

Country of citizenship

3 Academic & Immigration Information

Admitted level

☐ Bachelor ☐ Graduate ☐ Doctorate ☐ Other

If selected other, state

Program / Major

Admitted semester

☐ Fall ☐ Spring ☐ Summer I ☐ Summer II

Year

Current immigration status, if applicable

Transfer SEVIS record from another U.S. institution? If yes, state current institution

☐ Yes ☐ No

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F-2 dependent(s) and funding requirement

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4 F-2 Dependent Information

Dependent plans

☐ My F-2 dependent(s) will accompany or join me. ☐ I do not plan to bring F-2 dependents. Skip rest of section if so.

List all F-2 dependents who will be accompanying you. Leave section blank if none.

Last name	First name	Date of birth	Country of citizenship	Country of birth

Additional dependents: If you have more dependents than the space provided, attach a separate sheet listing the same information for each additional dependent

5 Financial Requirement

Important

F-1 students must demonstrate sufficient funding for one academic year before a Form I-20 can be issued. The required amount is based on UTRGV's estimated cost of attendance and any additional funding required for F-2 dependents.

Estimated Expenses

Standard estimate used by ISS to determine required funding for Form I-20 issuance.

Actual Expenses

Determined after enrollment and may vary based on tuition, housing, insurance, and personal expenses.

Current estimated cost of attendance

+ F-2 spouse: \$5,000 / year + F-2 child(ren) + \$3,000 / child / year =

Total required funding



Current Cost of Attendance

Click or scan the QR code to see current costs.

Important

Employment should not be treated as guaranteed financial support. Include only documented funding that is available for your studies.

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Sources of support and financial documentation requirements

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6 Sources of Financial Support

Select your sources of financial support	Amount (USD)		Amount (USD)
☐ Personal Savings		☐ Scholarship / Grant	
☐ Family / Individual Sponsor		☐ Loan / Investment / CD	
☐ UTRGV Assistantship / Fellowship		☐ Other	
☐ Government / Company / Organization		Total document funding 	

Documented funding should meet or exceed Total Required Funding.

7 Financial Documentation Requirements

Bank Statements	Official, dated checking or savings statements showing account holder name, statement date, account type, balance, and currency.
Certificates of Deposit (CDs)	May be accepted when funds are available or will become available before the student's first semester.
Investment Accounts	Must show that funds are liquid and readily available. A financial institution statement should identify the amount of liquid funds.
Loan Approval / Sanction Letters	Must be on official institutional letterhead and show approval status and the principal amount of the loan.
Scholarships / Fellowships / Assistanships	Must identify the exact amount of support and the dates or academic period covered.
Government / Company / Organization / Sponsorship	Provide an official sponsorship letter organization letterhead atating the amount and period of financial support.

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8 Document Standards

Accessibility / Liquidity

Funds must be readily accessible and consist of liquid assets.

Language

All supporting documents must be in English or Spanish.

Document Date

Supporting financial documents must be dated within three (3) months of submission.

Not Acceptable as Financial Proof

Credit cards, life insurance policies, business bank accounts, retirement accounts, and pension funds are not accepted as proof of available student funding.

9 Document Preparation Checklist

☐ Financial documents are dated within three months of submission.

☐ Documents are in English or Spanish.

☐ Account holder name, balance, and currency are visible.

☐ Each funding source on Page 2 has supporting documentation.

10 Sponsor's Statement of Financial Support

Complete one Sponsor Statement for each parent, family member, or other individual who will provide financial support. Up to three individual sponsors may be listed.

Sponsor 1 - Statement of Financial Support

By signing below, I certify that the amount of financial support listed in this section will be available to support the F-1 Student named on this form for the program period indicated.

I understand that this financial support must be supported by acceptable documentation that meets the requirements listed in Section 7 - Financial Documentation Requirements. I understand that any amount that cannot be verified through acceptable supporting documentation may not be counted toward the Student's required financial support.

Sponsor name

Amount of Financial Support (USD)

Relationship to exchange visitor

Sponsor signature

Date

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Sponsor statements

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Sponsor 2 - Statement of Financial Support

By signing below, I certify that the amount of financial support listed in this section will be available to support the F-1 Student named on this form for the program period indicated.

I understand that this financial support must be supported by acceptable documentation that meets the requirements listed in Section 7 - Financial Documentation Requirements. I understand that any amount that cannot be verified through acceptable supporting documentation may not be counted toward the Student's required financial support.

Sponsor name

Amount of Financial Support (USD)

Relationship to exchange visitor

Sponsor signature

Date

Sponsor 3 - Statement of Financial Support

By signing below, I certify that the amount of financial support listed in this section will be available to support the F-1 Student named on this form for the program period indicated.

I understand that this financial support must be supported by acceptable documentation that meets the requirements listed in Section 7 - Financial Documentation Requirements. I understand that any amount that cannot be verified through acceptable supporting documentation may not be counted toward the Student's required financial support.

Sponsor name

Amount of Financial Support (USD)

Relationship to exchange visitor

Sponsor signature

Date

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Student certification and final submission

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11 Student Certification & Final Submission

Student Acknowledgment

I certify that the information provided on this form and in the supporting documentation is true, correct, and complete. I understand that I must maintain sufficient financial support for myself and any F-2 dependents for the duration of my F-1 program. If my financial circumstances or other information reported on this form changes, I will notify UTRGV International Student Services (ISS). I understand that providing false, misleading, or fraudulent information may jeopardize my eligibility to maintain F-1 status and participate in my academic program at UTRGV.

Printed name

Signature

Date

Submission Instructions and Help



Submit to UTRGV International Portal

Click or scan the QR code to go to the
International Portal to submit CFR.

If you have any issues or questions regarding how to complete it or submit, do not hesitate to contact ISS. Email ISS at international@utrgv.edu or call at (956) 882 - 7092.