

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE
AFFIDAVIT OF SUPPORT
FOR GRADUATE INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Your *Affidavit of Support for Graduate International Students* (page 10) must originate from your source of support.

Submit your *Affidavit of Support for Graduate International Students* with your application and other admissions documents.

NOTE: A Certificate of Eligibility (I-20 Form) will not be issued until sufficient financial support is verified by MSU and the *Affidavit of Support for Graduate International Students* is completed.

REQUIREMENTS for ACADEMIC YEAR 2016-2017

For master's students **without** a graduate assistantship who bring no dependents, financial proof is required for **U.S. \$40,572.00**.

For doctoral students **without** a graduate assistantship who bring no dependents, financial proof is required for **U.S. \$32,653.00**.

Masters and Doctoral students, if your assistantship stipend is less than **U.S. \$14,740.00**, you will need to show financial proof of at least the difference between **U.S. \$14,740.00** and your assistantship stipend. You will be responsible for any portion of living expenses not covered by your assistantship stipend.

If you plan to attend summer school, proof is required for an additional **U.S. \$14,912.00** for tuition and fees, books, and miscellaneous expenses.

Additional financial proof is required for a spouse and/or children (see *Affidavit of Support* form for more information).

There are links on the Graduate School website at <http://grad.msu.edu/budgetplanning/> that can assist you in planning your budget.

The Office of Admissions may require proof of additional funding as costs of attending Michigan State University may increase periodically.

VERIFICATION of FINANCES

Verification of finances can be 1 **or** 2:

1. Certification by a bank that you have funds available AND certification by person(s) responsible for your finances. This person must sign the *Affidavit of Support for Graduate International Students*.

OR

2. Certification by a government, educational institution, or official agency. Proof of finances from a government, educational institution, or official agency must appear on official stationery and contain an original seal and signature(s).



Beaumont Tower on the campus of Michigan State University

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A bank statement with the name of the account holder in English must accompany this form. I, the undersigned, guarantee that I will be fully responsible for all educational expenses incurred by the applicant named below during the course of study at Michigan State University.

APPLICANT: _____
 Last Name (Family Name) First Name Middle Name
 Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy): _____
 Present Address: _____
 Signature: _____ Date (mm/dd/yyyy): _____

SPONSOR (in English): _____
 Present Address: _____
 Relationship to Applicant: _____
 I am willing to sponsor the above applicant in the amount of \$ _____ U.S. Dollars per year for _____ years.
 Signature: _____ Date (mm/dd/yyyy): _____

VISA INFORMATION

If admitted to MSU, please indicate the visa document you will require. If you do not indicate which visa document you need, MSU will send the I-20 Form.

I-20 Form

Please issue the I-20 Form as I will be applying for the F-1 student visa.

DS-2019 Form

Please issue the DS-2019 Form as I will be applying for the J-1 Exchange Visitor visa. (The J-1 Exchange Visitor visa classification is available to students who are supported financially by MSU, an approved U.S. Government or private agency or organization, or a foreign government.)

VISA DOCUMENT

Please print your name exactly as it appears in your passport.

Last Name (Family Name): _____
 First Name: _____ Middle Name: _____

DEPENDENT INFORMATION

If you plan to bring a spouse and/or children with you, please provide additional financial proof information. To include a spouse on the visa document you must provide additional financial proof in the amount of \$5,000.00. Each child requires additional financial proof in the amount of \$3,000.00. Please include dependent information below. List names as stated on passports.

Last Name (Family Name)	First Name	Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)	Country of Birth and Country of Citizenship	Relationship	Gender M/F