

## 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 2013-2014

For graduate students who bring no dependents, financial proof is required for **U.S. \$35,374.00**. If you plan to attend summer school, proof is required for an additional **U.S. \$13,969.00** for tuition and fees, books, and miscellaneous expenses.

Students who accept a graduate assistantship with a stipend in the amount of **U.S. \$12,622.00 or greater (U.S. \$6,311.00 per semester)** are not required to show financial proof. If your assistantship stipend is less than **U.S. \$12,622.00**, you will need to show financial proof of at least the difference between **U.S. \$12,622.00** and your assistantship stipend. You will be responsible for any portion of living expenses not covered by your assistantship stipend. 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 you would like it to appear on the visa document (I-20 or DS-2019)**

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