

### OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENT AND SCHOLAR SERVICES

#### FINANCIAL DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS & SPONSOR STATEMENT OF SUPPORT

All new international students are required to show proof that funds are guaranteed for the first year of study. Please ensure that adequate funding will continue to be available from the same or equally dependable sources for subsequent years. You may be asked to show proof of this at your visa interview. This proof can come from several different sources (personal, family, university, business, etc.); however, you must be sure to have supporting documents for each of the sources of funding. Below are the requirements for each type of documentation. Be sure to obtain two copies of ALL documents: one for your own records, the second to bring with you when applying for your visa stamp at the U.S. Consular office and to show upon your entry to the U.S., or to USCIS if you are submitting an application for a Change of Status (COS). Keep in mind that although you are not required to submit original documents to Northwestern, you may be required to show ORIGINAL financial documents at your visa appointment, at the port of entry, or to USCIS if you are submitting a COS application.

Required Documentation	
<i>Any combination of funds is acceptable as long as you can demonstrate that you can cover the full cost:</i>	
Personal Funds:	Bank statement, bank letter, or loan letter (see bank statement and letter guidelines below). An original is not required for I-20/DS-2019 issuance purposes but is strongly encouraged for the visa application.
Family or Friend Funds:	<p><b>Both documents listed below are required:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bank statement or bank letter dated within the last six (6) months (see bank statement requirements below). An original is not required for I-20/DS-2019 issuance purposes but is strongly encouraged for the visa application.</li> <li>Sponsor Statement of Support (see below). All sponsor names must be included in <i>Financial &amp; Program Information</i> of the I-20/DS-2019 Request Form.</li> </ul>
Northwestern University Funds:	Copy of the letter from the department/University detailing your financial aid award. If the award does not cover the total cost listed in <i>Financial &amp; Program Information</i> of the I-20/DS-2019 Request Form, you must show proof of funding that covers the remaining expenses. <b>NU Loans are considered a source of Personal Funds.</b>
Other institutional Support (Employer, Government, etc.):	Support letter detailing the financial support (see institutional letter of support requirements below).

Bank Statement Guidelines:

- Amount of money in the account must be listed
- Must be in English, or include a certified English translation
- Type of account (e.g. savings, checking, time deposit) must be included
- Type of currency must be included

Bank Letter Guidelines:

- Name of account holder must be present
- Amount of money in the account must be listed, -OR- letter must state that the holder has enough money in the account to cover the estimated costs
- Must be in English or include a certified English translation
- Type of currency must be included
- Must be dated within the last six months

Institutional Letter of Support Guidelines:

- Must be an original
- Must be dated within the last six months
- Name of award recipient must be present
- Must state the period of time covered by the award
- Must indicate Northwestern as the student's institution
- Must state the total amount of support for the given time period

#### SPONSOR STATEMENT OF SUPPORT (Must be completed by EACH sponsor (family, friend, etc.))

Sponsor Name:

(Last Name)

(First Name)

(Middle Name)

Sponsor Address:

Relationship to Student:

Check one box only:

I will provide full financial support for the applicant's educational and living expenses for the entire length of study at NU

I will provide partial financial support. **Amount per year in USD:**

Sponsor's Signature:

Date:

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Signature Here