

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT FINANCIAL CERTIFICATE 2008-2009 for the Graduate School

If applying for a different year, contact us for the appropriate financial certificate. Return this form to your graduate program Admissions Director.

PLEASE READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY: As an international student applicant, you are required by United States federal regulations to certify that you have sufficient funds to pay for your expenses at The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill for the entire length of your studies. This form must be completed by every international applicant seeking admission, including applicants who may receive teaching or research assistantships or other awards. The visa document will be issued only after this certificate has been received with the requested financial documentation and approved, and you have been offered admission. If available, attach a copy of the identification page of the passport you will use to enter the U.S. to this financial certificate. A current ESTIMATE of minimum expenses for one academic year (September through May) follows. Please note, however, that annual North Carolina State-mandated tuition increases often occur just prior to registration.

Tuition (Non-State Resident Estimated Tuition Rate)	\$ 20,473
Fees	\$ 1,787
Required Health Insurance	\$ 1,890
Books, Room, Board and Personal Expenses	<u>\$ 12,600</u>
ESTIMATE FOR ACADEMIC YEAR (9 months)	\$ 36,750
Summer Living Expenses	<u>\$ 4,200</u>
ESTIMATE FOR CALENDAR YEAR (12 months)	\$ 40,950

A married student planning to bring family members will need an additional \$8,400 per year for the spouse and \$4,200 per year for each child. The U.S. Department of State will usually only accept the marriage certificate as proof of eligibility for a dependent visa for a spouse. Common law spouses, fiancés, and significant others who do not qualify for a dependent visa may apply for a B-2 visitor visa. For more information, please email oisss@unc.edu.

In computing your expenses, you should bear in mind that students holding Student (F) or Exchange Visitor (J) visas will not be authorized to work off-campus except under extraordinary circumstances. Therefore, the applicant should not look to employment, either part-time during the academic year or full-time during the summer, as a significant means of support while at The University of North Carolina. In general, students are not permitted to work full-time during the academic year. Spouses of F-1 student visa holders are not permitted to work under any circumstances. The spouse of a J-1 Exchange Visitor is permitted to work only with prior approval from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

1. Name (as it appears in your passport): _____

FAMILY/SURNAME
FIRST/GIVEN NAME
MIDDLE NAME
2. Date and Place of Birth: Month: _____ Day: _____ Year: _____ City of Birth: _____ Country of Birth: _____
3. Current Mailing Address: Street Address: _____ District: _____
 City: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____ Country: _____
 At this address until: (date: month/day/year): _____ Email address: _____
4. Address in Home Country or permanent home address (if different from current mailing address):
 Street Address: _____ District: _____ City: _____
 Province: _____ Postal Code: _____ Country: _____
5. Sex: Male Female 6. Country of Citizenship: _____ 7. Country of legal permanent residence: _____
8. Current Occupation in Home Country: _____ 9. Visa status if you are NOW in the U.S. _____
10. Are you requesting a visa document from UNC? Yes No. If no, please complete page one only and attach proof of your immigration status
11. Are you currently in F-1 or J-1 status? Yes No. If yes, what is the end date of your I-20/DS-2019 or EAD? _____
12. Which country's passport will you use to travel into the US? _____
13. I am applying for admission for: 1st summer session 2008 2nd summer session 2008 fall 2008 spring 2009
14. I expect my program of study to require _____ years.
15. Check appropriate box: I plan to come alone. I plan to have my dependents [spouse/child(ren)] come later. I plan to bring the following dependents [spouse/child(ren)] with me: (Fill in the information below for each dependent that you will bring to UNC).

If available, ATTACH A COPY OF EACH DEPENDENT'S PASSPORT IDENTIFICATION PAGE. Dependents are defined as spouses and children.

DEPENDENT'S FAMILY/SURNAME	FIRST/GIVEN NAME	MIDDLE NAME	RELATIONSHIP TO STUDENT
CITY OF BIRTH	COUNTRY OF BIRTH	DATE OF BIRTH (MONTH/DAY/YEAR)	COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP
DEPENDENT'S FAMILY/SURNAME	FIRST/GIVEN NAME	MIDDLE NAME	RELATIONSHIP TO STUDENT
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16. Check if applicable: Additional dependents listed on separate sheet. (Attach sheet to the financial certificate).

Financial Calculation Worksheet (To be completed by the student):

STEP ONE: Calculate any additional expenses you may have to your program (Check all boxes that apply to your situation):	
I. <input type="checkbox"/> Summer living expenses for student: Calculate \$1,400.00 per month X _____ # of months (1-3)	\$ _____
II. <input type="checkbox"/> Spouse's living expenses: \$8400.00	\$ _____
III. <input type="checkbox"/> Children's living expenses: \$4200.00 X _____ (number of children)	\$ _____
IV. Additional expenses total: add lines I + II + III	\$ _____
V. TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENSES: (Add line IV + \$36,750)	\$ _____

STEP TWO: Enter the amount and source of the funds you expect to have for your first year. You may enter any combination of the below sources to cover the cost of your program.	Amount Available in US Dollars
<p>Personal Funds Name of Bank: _____ A current original bank certification in English that is signed and dated within the last six months by a bank official is required to be submitted with this financial certificate if the student is supported in part or totally by personal funds. Electronic bank statements will not be accepted.</p>	
<p>Parents or Other Personal Sponsors Print name of each parent/sponsor: _____ _____ _____ A current original bank certification in English that is signed and dated within the last six months by a bank official is required to be submitted with this financial certificate if the student is supported in part or totally by parent, family or other personal sponsor funds. Electronic bank statements will not be accepted. Parent or other personal sponsors providing funds for this student's program of study at UNC-CH must provide a separate signed and dated letter verifying the amount of funds that the sponsor is willing to provide and the number of years those funds will be available to the student. <i>Example of a sponsor's letter:</i> I, (enter full name of sponsor), will support (enter name of student) my (enter relationship to student: son, daughter, friend, employee, etc.), in the amount of (enter total U.S. dollar amount of support available for his/her first year) for his/her first year of study at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and have provided documentation that these funds are available. As well, I understand that the estimated costs of attendance for this student's program at UNC Chapel Hill are expected to increase by approximately 10% each year. I pledge that funds in the amount of (enter total U.S. dollar amount available) will be available to this student for a period of (enter number of years sponsor is willing to support student). (Print full name of sponsor, Signature of sponsor and Date)</p>	
<p>Your Government Print name of government agency: _____ Attach original, official documentation in English of your award.</p>	
<p>Other (private scholarship, home university, employer, etc.) Please specify: _____ Enclose a signed affidavit with English translation from authorized person to certify accuracy.</p>	
<p>TOTAL ALL SOURCES OF SUPPORT FOR FIRST YEAR OF YOUR PROGRAM. Total for the year should be equal to or greater than the cost estimate calculated in "STEP ONE: V." (Please expect approximately a 10% increase each year in the stated amount)</p>	

*NOTE: Failure to provide financial documents that do not meet the criteria in the table above **will delay the receipt of your visa document**. If you have questions, please visit the website for International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS) at <http://oisss.unc.edu/>. There is a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) section <http://oisss.unc.edu/students/newstudents/faq.html> which may help you to complete this form.

STEP THREE: Obtain 2 original copies of your financial documents. Send one set of originals with your financial certificate (photocopies and electronic versions of an original will not be accepted). Keep one set of originals to use during your visa interview at the U.S. Embassy or Consulate and for entry to the U.S. during Immigration inspection.

APPLICANT'S NAME: _____ PROGRAM or DEPARTMENT: _____

STEP FOUR: Explain how you expect to fund the subsequent years of your program and the estimated costs of the entire academic program by completing and certifying the following statement.

I, _____, (STUDENT'S NAME) understand that the academic program costs are expected to increase at least 10% each year. I expect to fund the remainder of my academic program through: (check all that apply):
 personal family or private sponsor government or other source(s) (explain) _____

If you are using funds other than your own personal funds **attach a "letter of financial support"** from the sponsor(s) to the financial certificate. (See "STEP TWO: Parents or Other Personal Sponsors" for details.)

STUDENT'S SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

STEP FIVE: Please read and sign the following pledge.

I, _____, (STUDENT'S NAME) certify that the information on this Financial Certificate and any supporting documentation is true and accurate. I have read the information here provided and understand and agree to my financial obligation to UNC-Chapel Hill, including the requirement that I shall maintain the required health insurance for myself and all accompanying family members for the duration of my studies. I understand that by signing this document I am bound to uphold the rights and responsibilities as defined under the university honor code and that providing false information is considered a violation of this code. (<http://honor.unc.edu/students/rights.html>)

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

STEP SIX: Please return this form to the Admissions Director of your Program or Department. The academic department will forward it to ISSS after completing the remaining section. Do not forward this document to ISSS. If you have questions regarding the progress of your immigration document, first check with your academic department to verify if they have completed and forwarded the financial certificate to ISSS. Before emailing ISSS regarding the status of your immigration document or expediting your immigration document, please consult our Frequently Asked Questions at: <http://oisss.unc.edu/students/newstudents/index.html>. ISSS kindly requests that students limit their email inquiries to us, as responding to emails delays our ability to process your immigration documents. Thank you! We look forward to welcoming you to UNC!

THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY UNC-CHAPEL HILL PROGRAM OR STUDENT SERVICES MANAGER ONLY

1. Will the applicant receive financial support from the program or Graduate School in the first year? Yes No
 Type of Award granted (TA, RA, Other: _____). Is there a strong likelihood of full tuition award? Yes No
 Will health insurance be provided by UNC in addition to the assistantship or other award? Yes No
 Is there strong likelihood of program funding in similar amounts for remainder of applicant's program? Yes No
2. Please review the information provided by the applicant on page 2; and then complete the following:
 - i. **Total expenses** noted by applicant in "STEP ONE: V" \$ _____
 - ii. Amount of 1st year's program cash award/ stipend to applicant excluding tuition, insurance, etc. \$ _____
 a. Is dept. funding for ___9 or ___12 month period?
 - iii. Value of 1st year's full tuition (\$20,473) to be provided by UNC \$ _____
 - iv. Value of 1st year's fees (\$1,787) to be provided by UNC \$ _____
 - v. Value of health insurance provided by UNC (estimated at \$1,890) \$ _____
 - vi. Amount available to applicant from other sources (see STEP TWO: Total All Sources of Support) \$ _____
 - vii. **TOTAL SUPPORT FOR FIRST YEAR (add ii + iii + iv + v + vi)** \$ _____
 In order for this certificate to be approved, the **support for the first year (vii) must be at least as much as the **expenses** (i).**
3. Date student is required to begin classes at UNC Chapel Hill: _____
4. Expected degree/program completion date for this student: _____
5. Is the department willing to express mail this student's documents? No Yes If yes, complete the following:
 FedEx Account #: _____ Internal Billing Code (optional): _____ Campus Box #: _____
 *if no FedEx Acct. # is listed but the dept will express mail, you will be notified via email when the documents are ready for pick up at ISSS.

REPRESENTATIVE'S NAME & TITLE _____ REPRESENTATIVE'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

EMAIL _____ CAMPUS BOX NUMBER _____ PHONE _____

Academic Department: please return the Financial Certificate to International Student and Scholar Services CB #5240.