



THE UNIVERSITY  
of NORTH CAROLINA  
at CHAPEL HILL

# Financial Certificate for International Applicants

## INSTRUCTIONS

Students must be citizens or permanent residents of the United States to qualify for federal financial aid. International student applicants requesting F-1 or J-1 immigration status are also required by United States federal regulations to certify that they have sufficient funds to pay for all expenses at The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill for the entire length of studies. The Certificate of Eligibility Form I-20 or DS-2019 will be issued only after this form has been received with the requested financial documentation and approved, and you have been offered admission. **All international students should complete the Financial Certificate: Personal Information (section 1), including a copy of the passport. However, Sources of Support (section 2) is not required for those students who will not request Form I-20 or DS-2019 from UNC-Chapel Hill. Students transferring their F-1 or J-1 status from another U.S. school must also complete Sources of Support (section 2) in order to request a UNC Form I-20 or DS-2019.**

**The Financial Certificate and supporting documents must be original copies sent by mail or courier service. We are not able to accept electronic copies of these documents.**

Some international students receive financial assistance from sources outside the University. Consult publications available through your school, the United States Information Service Library, or the United States Consulate in your country. You may also wish to investigate possible sources of financial assistance from your government or organizations in your country. You should begin these inquiries as early as possible. Due to federal regulations restricting work authorization, most international students should not expect employment to be a significant means of financial support while studying at UNC-Chapel Hill.

## Estimated Costs

Estimated costs are listed below and on the *Financial Certificate* form. Costs are “estimated” because there is always the possibility of increases in tuition and fees over the course of your education, and increases in the cost of living should be anticipated. Expenses are estimated for one academic year (August through May) for a single student and do not include transportation between the University and your country:

Tuition and fees	\$33,134
Required health insurance	\$1,527
Room/board, books, and personal expenses	\$13,500
<b>Estimate for academic year</b>	<b>\$48,161</b>

The *Financial Certificate* and *Sources of Support* need to indicate your personal information, including your country of citizenship, and evidence that you and/or whoever is sponsoring your education has resources set aside to take care of your expenses for at least one year. An accompanying original, current (within six months) bank certification, signed and dated by a bank official, must show funds for one year’s expenses. The amount should at least equal the “Estimate for academic year” shown above. However, sponsors should certify that funds will be available for each year of your undergraduate program at UNC. The *Financial Certificate*, *Sources of Support*, sponsor’s letter, bank statements, and signatures must be originals. The Certificate of Eligibility Form I-20 or DS-2019 cannot be issued until the University receives original documentation.

# Financial Certificate: Personal Information

Students not requesting a Form I-20 or DS-2019 should complete page one to provide their biographical and immigration information. **A copy of the identification page of the applicant's passport must also be submitted.** If you are not requesting a Form I-20 or DS-2019 from UNC and plan to attend school using your current immigration status, you do not need to complete page three or attach any financial documents. After you sign the form and submit a copy of your passport, you are done with this form.

If you are requesting a Form I-20 or DS-2019 for F-1 or J-1 status, please read the following instructions and complete page 3. Certificate of Eligibility Forms I-20 or DS-2019 are issued only when all admission procedures have been satisfied. International student applicants requesting F-1 or J-1 immigration status, including students transferring in F-1 or J-1 status from another U.S. school, are required by United States federal regulations to certify that they have sufficient funds to pay for all expenses at The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill for the entire length of studies. Please note, however, that annual North Carolina state-mandated tuition increases often occur just prior to registration. In computing your expenses, you should bear in mind that students in Student (F) or Exchange Visitor (J) immigration status 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.

## Estimated Costs for 2014–2015

Tuition and fees	\$33,134
Required health insurance	\$1,527
Room/board, books, and personal expenses	\$13,500
<b>Total for Academic Year</b>	<b>\$48,161</b>
One Time Computer Cost: CCI Computer	\$2,500

**Full Name** (please print name as it appears on passport): \_\_\_\_\_

FAMILY/SURNAME

FIRST/GIVEN

MIDDLE

Date of birth (MM/DD/YYYY): \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth: (city) \_\_\_\_\_ (country) \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Male ☐ Female

**Current Mailing Address** (for all correspondence between January and August 2014; please notify us in writing if there are any changes)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
STREET ADDRESS OR POST OFFICE BOX CITY

District or province: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

At this address until (MM/DD/YYYY): \_\_\_\_\_

**Permanent Foreign Address** (students who require a student visa must enter a complete physical address; no post office box numbers will be accepted)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
STREET ADDRESS CITY

District or province: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

## Additional Information

Country of citizenship: \_\_\_\_\_ Country of permanent residence: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently in the U.S.? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, what is your current immigration status? (examples: F-1, H4, Pending Permanent Resident, TD) \_\_\_\_\_

Do you require a Certificate of Eligibility Form I-20 (for F-1 visas) or Form DS-2019 (for J-1 visas) issued by UNC? ☐ Yes ☐ No, I plan to attend UNC using my current immigration status.

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ (please add [nlbynum@email.unc.edu](mailto:nlbynum@email.unc.edu) to your safe contact list so we may contact you with questions)

If you plan on bringing dependents with you to the U.S. in F-2 or J-2, please contact Noel Bynum at [nlbynum@email.unc.edu](mailto:nlbynum@email.unc.edu) for additional information and expense estimates.

I am applying for admission to UNC-CH for ☐ Fall 20\_\_\_\_ ☐ Spring 20\_\_\_\_ ☐ Summer I 20\_\_\_\_ ☐ Summer II 20\_\_\_\_

I am applying as a ☐ First-year ☐ Transfer ☐ Readmitted Student

I expect my program of study to require \_\_\_\_\_ years.

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

If you are not requesting a Form I-20 or DS-2019 from UNC and plan to attend school using your current immigration status, you do not need to complete page three or attach any financial documents. After you sign the form and submit a copy of your passport, you are done with this form. If you are requesting a Form I-20 or DS-2019 for F-1 or J-1 status, please read the following instructions and complete page 3. In order to receive a Certificate of Eligibility Form I-20 from UNC-Chapel Hill, a prospective student requesting F-1 or J-1 immigration status must demonstrate that sufficient financial support is available for the entire length of the academic program. Financial documentation (for example, an official award letter or a bank certification) must be submitted verifying that at least the Total Estimated Costs (as listed above) are immediately available for the first year of your program. On the following page, enter the amount and source(s) of funds available for your first year at UNC. The total Estimated Costs are expected to increase approximately 10% each academic year.

Note: Please obtain two originals of each type of financial documentation. Send one set of originals with your financial certificate, in order for UNC to issue the Form I-20 or DS-2019. Also, keep one set of originals for yourself because they will be required at the U.S. Embassy or Consulate when you apply for your visa, and they may be required again upon entry to the U.S. during immigration inspection.

# Sources of Support

Amounts Available (in U.S. dollars)

<p><b>Personal Funds</b></p> <p>Name of Bank: _____</p> <p>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. The bank certification must demonstrate that the account holder has funds immediately available on deposit for a specific dollar amount.</p>	
<p><b>Parents or Other Personal Sponsors</b></p> <p>Print name of each parent/sponsor: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>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. The bank certification must demonstrate that the account holder has funds immediately available on deposit for a specific dollar amount. 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.</p> <p><b>Example of a sponsor's letter:</b></p> <p><b>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 U.S. dollar amount available per year) will be available to this student per year for a period of (enter number of years sponsor is willing to support student).</b></p> <p><i>(Print full name of sponsor, Signature of sponsor and Date)</i></p> <p>Please also read the note on the first page of the Financial Certificate about collecting two originals of each type of financial documentation.</p>	
<p><b>Your Government</b></p> <p>Print name of agency: _____</p> <p>Attach original, official documentation in English of your award.</p>	
<p><b>University (UNC-Chapel Hill) Awards (for example, athletic award)</b></p> <p>Type and amount of award: _____</p> <p>If you have applied for funding from the University and you receive such an award, a copy of your award letter detailing the amounts awarded must be submitted. Please be aware that if your award does not cover the total estimated costs for the academic year (see page 1), you will be contacted to show additional financial support, which may cause a delay in the issuance of your Form I-20 or DS-2019.</p>	
<p><b>Other</b></p> <p>Please specify: _____</p> <p>Enclose a signed affidavit with English translation from authorized person to certify accuracy.</p>	
<p><b>Total</b></p> <p>Total for the year should be equal to or greater than the cost estimate of US\$48,161 for the first year.</p> <p>(Please expect approximately a 10% increase each year in the stated amount. All sources of support (or combination thereof) should guarantee support for the entire length of the student's academic program.)</p>	

Enter the total amount of money you expect to have when you arrive at this University (tuition, fees, and University room rent are due before registration):

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ (U.S. dollars)

## Student's Financial Pledge

I 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 at the University. I understand that by signing this document I am bound to uphold the rights and responsibilities as defined under the university honor code (as defined here: [honor.unc.edu](http://honor.unc.edu)). I understand that any false information provided on this form is a violation of the honor code to which I am accountable.

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_