

# The Application for the Certificate of Eligibility (SEVIS Form I-20)

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**ACKNOWLEDGMENT REGARDING PROTECTION OF PERSONAL DATA  
(FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS FROM THE EU COUNTRIES)**

Overview. This Acknowledgment form is required in conjunction with the CUNY APPLICATION FOR THE IMMIGRATION CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY you must complete for you to be issued the SEVIS I-20 Form. You are coming from a country subject to the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) adopted in the European Union (EU), which provides certain protections and rights with respect to your personal data. This data you will provide is necessary in order for The City College of New York of the City University of New York that has accepted you to participate in their academic program, to issue you a SEVIS I-20 Form, which you will use to apply for the visa at the American Embassy or Consulate in your home country. This document will also be the official proof of your legal immigration status in the U.S.

General Principles. The personal data you will provide to CUNY or to third parties acting on behalf of CUNY will be handled in accordance with applicable law, our policies and the policies and principles of the GDPR applicable while you are in the EU. Your personal data will be processed and collected only for purposes related to your enrollment at \_\_\_\_\_ College of the City University of New York, and the SEVIS I-20 Form. Access will be limited to persons requiring such information in order to provide student services and other benefits offered by the college, including third parties acting on CUNY's behalf. Your data will be kept only so long as is necessary or required by policy and by law. We will maintain and process your data in a manner that assures its security and confidentiality.

Rights. Under GDPR, you have certain rights with respect to your personal data, including, among other rights, the right of access to your data; the right to correct inaccuracies in your data; the right to withdraw your acknowledgement; and the right to delete personal data if the collection of that data is no longer necessary to the purpose for which it was collected. The full text of the GDPR can be found at <https://gdpr-info.eu>

Data Controller. Under GDPR, a Data Controller is the person or entity responsible for overseeing the processing of your data. For purposes of your participation in an academic program at our institution, the Data Controller is \_\_\_\_\_ College of the City University of New York.

Sensitive Data. Data concerning your physical or mental health will be processed only for the purposes of protecting your safety or the safety of others, providing necessary healthcare, responding to an emergency, or complying with any applicable mandatory provision of law. Sensitive data may be communicated, in compliance with the principles above, to bodies and authorities, both public and private (such as hospitals, police offices, courts, security supervisors, insurance companies) only for the purposes relating to health and safety emergency and for the purposes of fulfilling obligations set forth by law.

**I hereby acknowledge the use of my personal data in accordance with the provisions outlined above.**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
Month Day Year

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please follow the steps below in order to ensure an accurate and speedy process:

- Apply and be accepted to the City College of New York.** You will receive notice of your acceptance via email. Print a copy of your acceptance letter for your records.
- Secure sponsors or funding.** In order to receive your I-20 you must provide evidence that you can cover all expenses related to the first full year of tuition, fees and living expenses. If you are unable to cover the costs on your own, you must identify a sponsor. A sponsor is someone who is willing to pay for your expenses, either in part or in whole. You could have more than one and your parents are considered sponsors. You may also be receiving a scholarship or a grant from your home country. This can be used as funding for your expenses.
- Read and complete the Application for the Certificate of Eligibility (Form I-20).**
- Complete the Affidavit of Support (Page 3 of application).** Each sponsor will need to fill out and sign a separate Affidavit of support before issuing your I-20.
- Provide Evidence of Support (Financial Documents):** As a reminder, the available funds must be enough to cover *at least* the first full academic year. All documents must be originals. Copies will not be accepted.
  - **Bank Letter:** You will need to provide an original letter stating the account balance from your or your sponsor's bank. This could be a written statement from an officer of the bank or other financial institution where the sponsor has accounts, giving the following details regarding the account:
    - Date account opened
    - Total amount deposited for the past year
    - Present balance
  - **Bank Statements:** You or your sponsor must provide current bank statements (savings and/or checking accounts) for the past three months.
  - **Supporting Statement for Government Awards or Loans:** Students sponsored by or receiving loans from their government
    - must submit an official statement with their name and award. It should include an itemized list of dollar amounts going to tuition and living expenses.
- Submit Application and Supporting Documents:** Once the Application for the Certificate of Eligibility is complete, send it along with the financial documents, a copy of your passports biographical page and CCNY acceptance letter to the following address:
  - For All Students**  
Office of International Students and Scholar Services  
North Academic Center, Room 1/107  
160 Convent Ave  
New York, NY 10031  
Attn: Maribel Morua or Angelique Cordero
- Transfer students** will also be required to submit the completed I-20 Transfer Release Form and a copy of all previously issued I-20's. The transfer form can be retrieved by emailing [oisss@ccny.cuny.edu](mailto:oisss@ccny.cuny.edu) or on our website at [www.cuny.cuny.edu/iss](http://www.cuny.cuny.edu/iss)

## SPONSOR SUPPORTING EVIDENCE

A sponsor must show sufficient income and/or financial resources to assure that the student being sponsored will not become a public charge (receive Federal or State low income benefits or services) while in the United States. Applicable evidence of the sponsor's situation, as determined by the accepting school official, should consist of copies of any or all of the following documentation listed below. Failure to provide evidence of sufficient income and/or financial resources may result in the denial from the CUNY campus of the students' application for Form I-20 (Immigration Certificate of Eligibility). Additionally, such failure to provide similar documentation to the Consul Officer may result in denial of an F-1 Visa application.

\* Please note that we **only** accept statements pertinent to liquid, low risk accounts as proof of financial support. Accounts such as retirement savings accounts and stock, no matter how stable the investment, will not be accepted as evidence of financial support.



Application for the Immigration
Certificate of Eligibility (Form I-20)
Fall 2019-Spring 2020



International students who are admitted into a degree program at CUNY will need to obtain an Immigration Certificate of Eligibility (Form I-20), in order to enter and/or remain in the U.S. as an F-1 student. This requirement applies whether you are a new student, a transfer student from another U.S. university, or a student transferring between CUNY colleges.

1. Name: (Family name as in passport) (Given name as in passport) (Second given, or middle name, if any, as in passport)
2. Sex (check one): Male Female

3. Present Mailing Address: (Number and Street) (City, State) (Country) (Postal Code)

4. Telephone Number: 5. Fax Number: 6. Email:

7. Date of Birth: (Month/Day/Year) 8. Place of Birth: (City and Country)

9. Country (or Countries) of Citizenship: 10. Country of Residence:

11. Permanent Overseas Address: (Required by U.S. Government Regulations) (Number and Street) (City, State) (Country) (Postal Code)

12. Address in U.S.A. (if known): (Number and Street) (City, State) (Postal Code)

13. Expected Year of First Enrollment: Year
14. Degree Program: Bachelor's Master's Ph.D.
15. Expected Academic Major:

16. Expected Semester of First Enrollment: Fall Winter Spring Summer

17. Are you currently studying at a US institution or college?
18. Do you currently hold F-1 status?

QUESTIONS 19 THROUGH 28 TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANTS ALREADY IN THE U.S.

If you are currently in the U.S., please indicate your immigration status. Attach a copy of the passport pages with the passport number, expiration date of passport, and the U.S. visa stamp. Include copies of both sides of Form I-94 for yourself and accompanying family members.

19. I have F-1 Student Status right now.
20. What is your I-94 Admission Number?

21. \*University that issued most recent Form I-20:
22. SEVIS ID#:
\* Attach photocopies of ALL your previously issued Forms I-20

23. Current U.S. School Name:

24. Current U.S. School Address: (Number and Street) (City, State) (Postal Code)

25. If you entered US without F-1 status, then what is your immigration status?

26. What is the I-94 Admission #:
27. When does that I-94 Expires: (Month/Day/Year)

28. If your status is not currently F-1, check one answer below:
-I will apply to USCIS for a Change of Non-Immigrant status
-I will leave U.S. and re-enter with I-20 before classes begin

**Declaration & Certification of Finances**

Please indicate the source and amount of your financial support for the first four years of study for bachelor's degree candidates and two years for associate's degree candidates. The CUNY College that has admitted you requires documentation of guaranteed support for the first year and projected support for future years. Note that costs may rise 7-10% annually. Total amounts must meet or exceed the estimate of expenses (see "Sponsor Supporting Evidence" page).

U.S. immigration authorities require colleges to receive satisfactory financial certifications from prospective students before issuing a Form I-20. Therefore, you must attach original documents for each source of financial support you indicate. Please refer to the "Sponsor Supporting Evidence" page for a list of acceptable supporting documents. Be sure to have an additional set of original documents for your appointment at the U.S. Consulate (or Embassy) overseas.

**Complete and send in this page with your application. Provide as much detail as possible.**

**SOURCES OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

	(Amount in U.S. Dollars)			
	<i>Guaranteed Support 1<sup>st</sup> Year</i>	<i>Projected Support 2<sup>nd</sup> Year</i>	<i>Projected Support 3<sup>rd</sup> Year</i>	<i>Projected Support 4<sup>th</sup> year</i>
<b>A. STUDENT</b>				
Name _____				
	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Name of Bank _____			Location _____	
			(City)	(Country)

**The student must provide the following documents in English:**

- 1) Bank officer's summary statement of account history.
- 2) Stock brokerage account statements, if any.

**B. PARENTS, AND/OR OTHER INDIVIDUAL SPONSORS**

Name _____				
Relationship to student _____				
	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Name _____				
Relationship to student _____				
	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Name _____				
Relationship to student _____				
	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____

**C. GOVERNMENT, UNIVERSITY, OR OTHER SPONSOR**

Source _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Source _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Source _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____

(Attach current signed official copy of the terms of sponsorship, including amount of support in U.S. Dollars and period covered.)

<b>Grand Totals</b>	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
	(Each total must equal the estimate of expenses for one year.)			

**THE COLLEGE CANNOT ISSUE A FORM I-20 UNTIL YOU MEET ALL REQUIREMENTS FOR FINANCIAL DOCUMENTATION.**

By signing my name to this form, I certify that the information above is a correct statement of my arrangements for financing my studies at the City College of New York of The City University of New York.

(Student's signature) \_\_\_\_\_ (Date) \_\_\_\_\_

(Please print name) \_\_\_\_\_

### Affidavit of Support

This form is for individuals using their own income and/or savings to support a student. It must be completed by the person who will provide the student with full or partial financial support and/or room and board during the student's course of study at The City University of New York.

**Sponsors providing financial support must complete items 1-18 AND sign at item #21;**

**Sponsors providing room and/or board must complete items 1 through 3 AND item 20 AND sign at #21.**

**Sponsors providing both financial support AND room and board, complete this entire page, items #1 through #21.**

#### SPONSOR INFORMATION

1. I, \_\_\_\_\_, 2. citizen of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of sponsor) (Country or Countries)

and residing at 3. \_\_\_\_\_  
(Sponsor's Street Address, City, State, Postal Code and Country)

Do certify the following:

4. I am employed with \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Located at: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of employer) (Number and Street) (City/State) (Country) (Postal Code) (Telephone)

6. I receive an annual income of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (U.S. Dollars) from this \*employment.  
\*Attach a current salary confirmation statement written by that employer, or verification of annual income for self-employed or retired individuals. The employer statement or verification of annual income must be written in English or come with a certified translation.

7. I have \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (U.S. Dollars) on deposit with 8. Name of Bank:

9. Address of Bank: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Number and Street) (City) (State) (Postal Code)

\*Attach bank officer's statement of account history.

10. I currently support \_\_\_\_\_ persons (including myself). 11. Our total household annual income is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (U.S. Dollars).

12. Our total family expenses are \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (U.S. Dollars). 13. I sponsor \_\_\_\_\_ (number) individuals for immigration in addition to this affidavit.

#### STUDENT SUPPORT INFORMATION

This affidavit is executed on behalf of

14. \_\_\_\_\_ who was born on 15. \_\_\_\_\_. S/he is my 16. \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Name of Student) (Month/Day/Year) (Relationship to Student)

I hereby certify that I am willing, able, and do commit to provide 17. \_\_\_\_\_ with the annual amount of  
(Name of Student)

18. \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (U.S. Dollars) for her/his tuition, fees, and/or living expenses each year during the entire program of study at The City University of New York until 19. \_\_\_\_\_ (give a date when the sponsorship is expected to terminate).

#### ROOM AND BOARD SUPPORT INFORMATION (See living expenses for room and board)

To be completed if student will live in the sponsor's home in the U.S.

20. I hereby certify that I will provide \_\_\_\_\_ with:

Check one: (Name of Student)

\*Room only in my home at the address indicated above

Or,

\*Full room and board in my home as indicated above during each year that s/he follows a program of study at CUNY.

Note that this value cannot be included in any amount of support being provided in #18, above.

\*Attach a copy of your lease or deed or copy of a statement from your landlord.

By signing my name to this affidavit, I certify that the information above is a correct statement of my agreement to sponsor the student herein named.

Check One if you also intend to support student's spouse or children:

[ ]—Yes [ ]—No I also agree to sponsor dependent(s) for an additional \$8,000 for a dependent spouse and \$5,000 for each dependent child. Names and biographical information for each dependent attached.

21. Signature: This affidavit must be signed to indicate intention to support student named above.

Sponsor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please print name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ATTENDING THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

### TOTAL FIRST YEAR EXPENSES

Four-Year undergraduate Students	Tuition/fees and living Expenses = <b>\$42,534</b>
Graduate Landscape Architecture (15 credits)	Tuition/fees and living Expenses = <b>\$55,907</b>
Graduate Urban Design Architecture (16 credits)	Tuition/fees and living Expenses = <b>\$57,797</b>
Graduate students in Architecture (18 credits)	Tuition/fees and living Expenses = <b>\$61,577</b>
Graduate students in Engineering	Tuition/fees and living Expenses = <b>\$44,567</b>
Graduate students in Liberal Arts/Education	Tuition/fees and living Expenses = <b>\$42,947</b>
Graduate Student in Professional Studies	Tuition/fees and living Expenses = <b>\$46,907</b>
Graduate students in Public Administration	Tuition/fees and living Expenses = <b>\$45,737</b>
Graduate students in International Affairs	Tuition/fees and living Expenses = <b>\$45,737</b>
Graduate students in Translational Medicine	Tuition/fees and living Expenses = <b>\$53,207</b>
Ph.D. Level 1	Tuition/fees and living Expenses = <b>\$41,067</b>

### Tuition and Fees

#### Bachelor's (undergraduate) Students

Undergraduate tuition/fee per academic year, two semesters: Four-Year Colleges **\$15,290\***

\*Undergraduate Tuition and Fees stated are based on the students taking at least 12 credits per semester. This is the minimum number of credits required to be a full-time undergraduate student (necessary to maintain lawful immigration status). If you take more than 12 credits, you will be charged at the rate of **\$620** per credit (four year colleges).

#### Masters (graduate) Students: total cost includes fees

Liberal Arts/Education ( <b>\$855 per credit</b> )	\$15,703 = 9-Credits Fall & 9-Credits Spring for 1-Year Tuition/fees
Engineering ( <b>\$945 per credit</b> )	\$17,323 = 9-Credits Fall & 9-Credits Spring for 1-Year Tuition/fees
Architecture [ <i>Landscape</i> ] ( <b>\$945 per credit</b> )	\$28,663 = 15-Credits Fall & 15-Credits Spring for mandatory 30 credit year/fees
Architecture [ <i>Urban Design</i> ] ( <b>\$945 per credit</b> )	\$30,553 = 16 Credits Fall & 16-Credits Spring for 1-Year Tuition/fees
Architecture ( <b>\$945 per credit</b> )	\$34,333 = 18 Credits Fall & 18-Credits Spring for 1-Year Tuition/fees
Public Administration ( <b>\$1,010 per credit</b> )	\$18,493 = 9 Credits Fall & 9 Credits Spring for 1-Year Tuition/fees
Professional Studies [ <i>BIC</i> ] ( <b>\$1,075 per credit</b> )	\$19,663 = 9 Credits Fall & 9 Credits Spring for 1-Year Tuition/fees
International Affairs ( <b>\$1,010 per credit</b> )	\$18,493 = 9 Credits Fall & 9 Credits Spring for 1-Year Tuition/fees
Translational Medicine ( <b>\$855 per credit</b> )	\$25,963 = 13 Credits Fall & 14 Credits Spring & 3 Credits Summer/fees
Ph.D. Level 1 ( <b>\$965 per credit</b> )	\$13,823 = 7 Credits Fall & 7 Credits Spring for 1-Year Tuition/fees

\*Graduate Students in the Architecture program should be aware that they will be charged for excess contact hours for each semester for their studio class as follows: Masters in Landscaping and Masters in Architecture 2 hours, Masters in Urban Design 3 hours. The rate is \$85 per excess contact hour. They will also be charged an Excellence Fee of \$500.

### Student Living Expenses

Books and Supplies	\$1,819
Transportation	\$1,472
Personal Expenses	\$3,183
Housing	\$16,164
Meals (At Home)	\$2,963
Lunch (away from home)	\$1,643
<b>Total Living Expenses for one year =</b>	<b>\$27,244</b>

\*For sponsorship purposes the following applies:

- 1) Value of ROOM ONLY is \$16,164 (show lease & \$11,080 plus tuition/fees)
- 2) Value of room AND board is \$19,127 (show lease & \$8,117 plus tuition/fees)

### Accompanying the Student

In addition to the amount the student must certify for their own financial support, additional funds for each dependent must be shown. Add **\$8,000.00 for a dependent spouse, and \$5,000 for each dependent child**, who will accompany the student to the U.S. This amount is for one year of expenses. Students' financial certification must show the total amount of student's tuition/fees, living expenses, AND the living expenses for the dependents.

**Necessary items to obtain an I-20 for an accompanying dependent: Financial certification/documentation • Biographical information for each dependent • photocopy of passport biographical page • Translated marriage certificate for spouse • Translated birth certificate for each child**

\*Additional Excellence Fee may be charged. (Ex. Physician Assistant Program and Master's Degree in Branding + Integrated Communications)