

INTERNATIONAL GRADUATE STUDENTS FINANCIAL SUPPORT FORM 2009–2010

Submission of this form is required of all full-time non-U.S. students before immigration documents can be issued. U.S. permanent residents are not required to complete or submit this form.

United States visa regulations require all F and J visa holders to provide certified evidence (Affidavit of Support) of adequate funds to meet tuition and living expenses for a proposed program of study. The Affidavit of Support for the first year must have the sponsor's guarantee of support. Section 3 must bear the seal and signature of a bank official. Alternately, a letter bearing the bank's seal and signature stating that funds can be transferred may be attached to the affidavit. An I-20 or DS-2019 cannot be issued until an acceptable Affidavit of Financial Support and bank certification have been received by IIT. Financial documents dated more than six months prior to the date of I-20 issuance cannot be accepted. New documents will be required if a student's affidavit and/or bank certification have expired.

If you plan to bring dependents to the U.S., you must provide evidence of additional financial support for each dependent. The minimum amount of support per year will increase by \$4,000 for your spouse, and \$2,000 for each child. Copies of passports for each dependent must be attached to the Affidavit of Support.

International students must register as full-time students (nine credit hours or the equivalent per semester). There are two semesters (fall and spring) and a summer session in each academic year. If an English course is required, it will be concurrent with other academic courses in a full-time program. The duration of a master's degree program may be extended by one semester or a summer session beyond the normal time to degree completion.

The following estimates indicate the maximum time required to complete a specific degree program, providing there are no deficiencies and/or prerequisites to meet.

- Master of Science, Professional Master's, Master of Engineering: 30 months
- Doctor of Philosophy: 72 months

IIT bears no financial responsibility should the sponsor withdraw or fail to provide funding.

SECTION 1: CERTIFICATION BY STUDENT

(Complete Sections 1 and 3 if you will be self-supporting.)

I understand that as an International student, I am required to engage in full-time study at IIT and I am only permitted to work on campus in accordance with immigration regulations. IIT is not obligated to provide me with employment during the period of my enrollment. Other than pre-arranged teaching and research assistantships, IIT does not have sufficient employment opportunities to accommodate all international students. I further understand that other opportunities to work in the U.S. are limited by law.

I certify, as indicated below, that I have arranged for financial support equivalent to the number of semesters that my degree program requires. In addition, I have arranged for all travel expenses and for support of my dependents (if applicable) while they are in the United States.

Signature of Student _____
Date

Print Name (underline last/family name)

IIT Applicant ID or Campus Wide ID Number

Department/Major on Application

Term of Entry (e.g., Fall 2009)

SECTION 2: CERTIFICATION BY SPONSOR

(Complete Sections 1, 2 and 3 if you will receive support from a sponsor.)

This is to certify that I (or my agency or firm) hereby assume full financial responsibility for a minimum of \$29,781 per year (subject to annual increases) for the student during his/her period of intended academic study.

I further certify by the attached bank statement or certification that necessary arrangements can be made to have the above specified U.S. dollar amount transferred to the United States during the student's period of intended academic study.

Signature of Sponsor _____
Date

Print Name of Sponsor

Relationship to Student

Address of Sponsor

Phone/Fax of Sponsor

SECTION 3: CERTIFICATION BY BANK

This is to certify that the named student (or sponsor) has, or is expected to have, the U.S. dollar amount specified on this affidavit available, free from government restrictions for a minimum of \$29,781 per year (subject to annual increases) exclusive of travel expenses, to support the student during his/her period of intended academic study.

Signature of Official _____
Date

Print Name of Official

Title of Official

Name of Institution or Agency

Address of Institution or Agency

Phone/Fax of Institution or Agency

RETURN THIS FORM IN A SEALED ENVELOPE TO:

Illinois Institute of Technology
Office of Graduate and Professional Enrollment
10 W. 33rd Street, Perlstein Hall, Room 203
Chicago, IL, 60616-3793, U.S.A.

AN INSTITUTIONAL SEAL IS REQUIRED