

# BOSTON COLLEGE

Graduate School of Arts & Sciences

## IMPORTANT Student Visa Application Information

The regulations of the U.S. Immigration authorities require that all international students provide evidence that they have sufficient financial resources to meet their expenses while studying at U.S. Universities. In addition, U.S. Universities are required to report biographical and immigration information to U.S. Immigration authorities on all international students and their dependents who will be accompanying them to the U.S. These requirements must be met before a University can authorize any documents for a prospective international student and their dependents. Students usually satisfy the financial requirement through some combination of personal/family resources, support from their home governments or other sources, and assistance that may be offered to them by the U.S. University that has offered them admission.

I have enclosed a Confidential Declaration and Certification of Finances Form which must be **completed and certified** in order for us to arrange for your I-20 form for an F-1 Student Visa or your DS2019 form for a J-1 Exchange Visitor Visa, and any immigration forms for your dependents who plan to accompany you to the U.S. You may, of course, subtract the combined value of your awards from the estimate of expenses, thus leaving the balance to be certified. A Transfer of F-1 Status Form has also been included in this packet. Please fill out this form out if you are currently in the U.S. studying at another school. These documents **must be received as soon as possible** in order for Boston College to provide you with the necessary documents in a timely manner. The estimate of student expenses for the 2006-2007 academic year is \$45,310. A breakdown of student expenses is detailed below. You must show that you have access to these funds in order to enter the United States as a graduate student.

We are keenly aware that the financial requirement may pose serious difficulties for many international students, but unfortunately, the university has no alternative in this matter. I sincerely hope that this will not prove to be an insuperable barrier to your pursuit of graduate study here.

### Estimate of Student Expenses for the 2006-2007 Academic Year:

Tuition and Fees	25,060 (\$1040 per credit X 24 credits plus \$100 fees)
Room and Board	9,900 (\$700 room/ \$400 board)
Books and Supplies	800
Medical Insurance	1,550
Personal Expenses	4,000
Summer Living Expenses	4,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$45,310</b>

Please Complete the Enclosed Forms and Submit with Required Documents To:

Peter Marino  
Boston College  
Graduate School of Arts and Sciences  
Office of Graduate Admission  
McGuinn 221  
140 Commonwealth Avenue  
Chestnut Hill, MA 02467-3807

**BOSTON COLLEGE – GRADUATE SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES  
CONFIDENTIAL DECLARATION & CERTIFICATION OF FINANCES**

The purpose of this form is to certify that you will have the sum of **\$45,310** for your first year of study at Boston College, *exclusive of travel expenses*, and to obtain biographical and immigration information for you and your dependents who will be accompanying you to the U.S. You should also indicate how you will meet your expenses for subsequent years of study if your program will last more than one month. **(Students who are in a program of more than one year will be required to submit an updated financial certification annually.)** A Certificate of Eligibility (Form I-20 for an F-1 Visa or Form DS2019 for a J-1 Exchange Visitor Visa) and immigration forms for dependents who plan to accompany you to the U.S will not be issued unless this form is completed and the necessary certifications are obtained. It is suggested that you make copies of this form and required documents before returning them to Boston College as you will need to show proof of adequate funding to U.S. Consular officials when applying for a visa.

In computing expenses, you should remember that students holding the Student (F-1) or Exchange Visitor (J-1) visas will not be authorized to work 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 means of support while at Boston College. Spouses who accompany students to the U.S. on the F-2 visa are not permitted to accept any kind of paid employment in the U.S.

**PART 1: STUDENT INFORMATION**

Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Family Name First Name

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Department: \_\_\_\_\_ Start Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Degree: M.A. \_\_\_\_\_  
Month/Day/Year Ph.D. \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent/Home International Address (non-U.S. address; **must** be provided in **all cases**, even if you are currently on a U.S. visa and living in the U.S.):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Address where you are currently living:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

If you are currently living in the U.S., provide **current** visa status **as of today**:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(F-1 Student, J-1 Exchange Visitor, B-2 Tourist, H-1 Temporary Worker, F-2 or J-2 Dependent, etc.)  
\*Please fill out the Transfer of F-1 Status Form if you are currently in the U.S. under another F-1 Visa.

Mailing Address for Immigration Forms (Provide best address for express mailing; i.e., **NO P.O. BOXES**)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
Month/Day/Year City, Country

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

I am not married \_\_\_\_ I am married \_\_\_\_ My spouse will accompany me \_\_\_\_ or will NOT accompany me \_\_\_\_

Number of children \_\_\_\_ My children will accompany me \_\_\_\_ or will NOT accompany me \_\_\_\_

Note: If your spouse will accompany you to the U.S., add **\$4,000** to the figure which you are required to certify. If your children will accompany you to the U.S., add an extra **\$2,000** per child.

In case of emergency, are there sources of additional funds available to you once you arrive in the U.S.?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, please specify \_\_\_\_\_

**PART 2: DEPENDENT INFORMATION (Fill out requested information for each dependent who will be accompanying you to the U.S.; if you need additional space, please make copies of this page.)**

Name of Dependent \_\_\_\_\_  
Family Name First Name

Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_ Dependent is my: Spouse \_\_\_\_ or Child \_\_\_\_

International Address (non-U.S. address; **must** be provided in **all cases**, even if dependent is currently on a U.S. visa and living in the U.S.):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Address where dependent is currently living:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

If dependent is currently living in U.S., provide **current** visa status **as of today**:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(F-2, J-2, H-4, etc.)

Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
Month/Day/Year City, Country

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

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Name of Dependent \_\_\_\_\_  
Family Name First Name

Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_ Dependent is my: Spouse \_\_\_\_ or Child \_\_\_\_

International Address (non-U.S. address; **must** be provided in **all cases**, even if dependent is currently on a U.S. visa and living in the U.S.):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Address where dependent is currently living:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

If dependent is currently living in U.S., provide **current** visa status **as of today**:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(F-2, J-2, H-4, etc.)

Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
Month/Day/Year City, Country

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

**PART 3: SOURCES OF SUPPORT**

Instructions: Complete the appropriate boxes to show sources and amounts of anticipated contributions to your educational and personal expenses while you are in the United States. For each source, follow the certification instructions in the box. Include anticipated contributions for each year of required study for your degree objective: Master's degree, two years; Doctoral degree, four years; and Bachelor's degree, four years.

SOURCES OF FUNDS	ASSURED AMOUNTS IN U.S. \$			
	FIRST YEAR	SECOND YEAR	THIRD YEAR	FOURTH YEAR
<b>PERSONAL SAVINGS</b> An official letter from a bank, and a parent's or sponsor's signature is required on the certification below if the student is supported in part or whole by personal savings. See instructions below	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>YOUR GOVERNMENT</b> - Please print name of agency _____ Enclose with this form an original signed copy of your letter of award and a translation, if necessary	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>BOSTON COLLEGE</b> Please print type of award: _____ _____	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>OTHER</b> -Please specify:	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>TOTAL</b> - Each of these totals should equal the estimate of costs for one year as shown on the Student Visa Application Info Form.	\$	\$	\$	\$

Enter the total amount of money you expect to have when you arrive at this institution: U.S.\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**OFFICIAL CERTIFICATION OF SOURCES OF FUNDS AND AMOUNTS FOR PERSONAL SAVINGS**

Please complete sections #1 and #2

**1. BANK LETTER**

You should obtain an original letter on bank stationery which indicates availability of the necessary funds. This letter should include a confirmation of the necessary funds; the name and address of the bank; the date of the letter; and a signature and title of a bank official.

**2. GUARANTOR'S SIGNATURE**

This is to certify that I have read the information furnished by the applicant on this form, that it is a true and accurate statement, and that the funds are available and will be provided as indicated.

Guarantor's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Guarantor's Name (printed) \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship of Guarantor to applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that the total amount of money (excluding travel funds) available to me for my first academic year in the United States is U.S. \$\_\_\_\_\_. Further, I certify that the above information provided is true and accurate.

STUDENTS SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_