

Guidelines for Funding Documentation

When requesting a DS-2019 from ISSS, documentation of the scholar's funding must be provided. The information below outlines requirements for such documentation.

Originals are not required, but any copies submitted must be clear and legible. All documentation submitted must be in English, or be accompanied by an official English translation. (If there is a problem obtaining an official translation, the scholar can contact the host department, who will work with ISSS for a possible solution.)

1. **Program Sponsor (UI) Funds.** Official documentation is not needed! However, it is helpful to provide a copy of the offer/invitation letter.

2. **Home Government Funds and Other Organization Funds.** Certificate or letter (signed and on letterhead) from funding organization required, including:

- Date of issue
 - Document must be no more than three months old.
- Scholar's name
- Amount of funding
 - Amount need not be listed in U.S. dollars, but type of currency must be clear.
- Duration of funding, or confirmation that funding will be provided throughout scholar's stay at the University of Illinois
 - If specific validity dates are listed in letter, program dates must fall within that time frame, or additional funding documentation will be required.

3. **Personal Funds.** Certificate or letter (signed and on letterhead) from scholar's bank, including:

- Date of issue
 - Document must be no more than three months old.
- Account holder's name
- The account balance OR confirmation that the account contains sufficient funds to support the scholar in the amount of \$1700 per month for the duration of the J-1 program
 - If scholar has J-2 dependents, confirmation of additional funding will be required, in the amount of \$600 per month for the first dependent and \$300 per month for each additional dependent.

If funding will be provided by a personal sponsor (parent, etc.), documentation must include BOTH a signed, notarized (or otherwise certified) letter including all criteria listed in Section 2 AND a certificate or letter from the personal sponsor's bank including all criteria listed in Section 3.