Important note to admitted graduate students:

You are required to submit original financial documents for review. Do not e-mail financial documents to the International Center. We are unable to review financial documents that are e-mailed to us. Please read the instructions provided on the 2011-2012 I-20/DS-2019 Request for New Graduate Students form or review the commonly asked questions about financial documents (below) before submitting questions to your department or the International Center about what is acceptable financial documents.

Follow the instructions provided on the 2011-2012 I-20/DS-2019 Request for New Graduate Students. After your documents are received by UCI they will be carefully reviewed for compliance with verification of funds. If there is a problem, you will be contacted immediately with detailed information on what you must do to resolve the issue.

Common questions about financial documents

1. When should the financial document be dated?
   The financial document must have been dated within the past 6 months. For example, if the forms are received by the International Center on March 28, 2012, the document must be dated on or after September 28, 2011.

2. My bank won’t provide a letter in English what can I do?
   You must provide a notarized translation of your letter. Contact an authorized notary in your country.

3. My bank won’t provide proof in U.S. Dollars, what can I do?
   You must provide the conversion to U.S. Dollars as of the date you are converting; include information about the source you used for conversion, have the document notarized.

4. I have been working and my employer can verify my yearly salary is that enough?
   No. You need to provide proof that the total minimum is available to you. Providing your current salary or salary history does not meet this requirement.

5. I have stocks/bonds/own property will you accept their value as proof of funding?
   No. The proof you provide must be liquid assets and available for immediate use. Please remember that proof of funding is used to ensure that you can support your tuition and fee requirements as well as your living expenses; if the assets are not liquid you are not able to use them for this purpose.

6. I am short $5,000 to provide proof of the total amount required. Can I submit partial financial proof now and wait to raise the money later and provide proof of the remainder later?
   No. In order to issue your visa document I-20 (or DS-2019) and for you to obtain an F-1 visa (or J-1 visa), you must demonstrate the total amount required. We will not issue a document if you do not have the total amount.

7. I was able to borrow money from my relatives to provide proof of funding. Can I provide this as proof of funding?
   Meeting financial requirements is a necessary step to ensure your ability to fund your education and living expenses. The funds you provide as proof must be available for you to use to pay tuition/fees and pay for your living expenses. If the bank information is under someone else’s name, that person must provide a letter stating that the funds are available for your use.