

Fordham University
Office for International Services
Application for Certificate of Eligibility (AFCOE) for F-1 or J-1 Status Academic year
2010 – 2011

United States law requires that all F-1 and J-1 students be admitted to a full-time academic program, meet English language proficiency requirements, and document sufficient funds to cover educational and personal living expenses. Whether you are coming to Fordham University from outside the United States and therefore will apply for a student visa at a US Consulate or you are already in the US and plan to maintain or obtain F-1 or J-1 status at Fordham, you must have a Fordham-issued form I-20 (for F-1 status) or form DS-2019 (for J-1 status). To obtain one of these forms, submit this Application for Certificate of Eligibility (AFCOE) for F-1 or J-1 Status to the Office for International Services **as soon as you have been admitted and you make your decision to attend Fordham University**. Before completing this form, it is important that you read and understand the following:

1. Answer all questions completely on the AFCOE. F-1 students already in the United States must submit a Transfer Form to the foreign student advisor at the school from which you are leaving. You may download it from our web site at www.fordham.edu/ois
2. Submit your completed AFCOE along with supporting financial documentation. **Enter your name EXACTLY AS IT APPEARS IN YOUR PASSPORT and FORWARD A COPY OF YOUR "PICTURE PAGE" OF YOUR CURRENT PASSPORT.**
3. Make a photocopy of your AFCOE and all attached documents for your records before you submit it to the OIS. We do NOT need originals. However, OIS reserves the right to request original documents.
4. If the instructions on page 4 of this document require you to submit this form (AFCOE) to one of the OIS offices, you may **FAX** your AFCOE to the OIS at (718) 817 – 5573 for Rose Hill Schools, (212) 636-7368 for Lincoln Center Schools.
5. **Do not enter the US as a tourist if you intend to be a student.** That is, do not enter using the B-1/B-2 visa or the visa waiver program (WT). If you are about to leave for the US and your I-20 or DS-2019 has not arrived to you, apply at the nearest US Consulate or Embassy for a "B-2 Prospective Student" visa. It is essential that the consular officer add the "Prospective Student" notation to the visa stamp; without it you will not be able to change your status to student after you arrive.
6. Be aware that when you are in the US as an F-1 or J-1 student you must pursue a full-time course of study and it is extremely difficult to be eligible for off-campus work permission during the first academic year. Employment is severely restricted for F-1 and J-1 students. Because of the numerous requirements students must meet to obtain employment authorization employment cannot be a means of financial support for a degree program. Working without permission whether on or off campus can permanently jeopardize your legal stay in the U.S.
7. If you have a graduate assistantship, you must be in F-1 or J-1 student status to accept this if your GA is considered as employment. Certain other nonimmigrant classifications, including F-2 and H-4, do not allow any employment.
8. To obtain an F-1 or J-1 visa, you must have an original I-20 or DS-2019 and financial documentation. Consulates or Embassies do not accept copies. The original I-20 or DS-2019 is also needed for entry into the United States. **YOU DO NOT HAVE TO NOTARIZE YOUR DOCUMENTS FOR SUBMISSION TO OIS, BUT THE CONSULATES MAY REQUIRE THIS. YOU SHOULD CHECK WITH THE POST AT WHICH YOU WILL APPLY FOR YOUR VISA.**
9. On the AFCOE's p. 3., clearly indicate where you would like your document mailed.
10. If you have questions regarding your immigration status, you may send an e-mail to ois@fordham.edu. **Canadian citizens do not need a visa to enter the United States but must present an I-20 or DS-2019 and financial documents to the US DHS' inspector at the border or port of entry.** Without an I-20 or DS-2019 and financial documentation, Canadians cannot enter the United States in F-1 or J-1 status.
11. Please print clearly on this application, AFCOE.. It is especially important that you take care in printing your e-mail address.
12. Address all **immigration** related questions to the **Office for International Services**. Address all **admission**-related questions to the appropriate **admissions office**.
13. Check information on p.4 for instructions about where to mail or fax the completed AFCOE and supporting documents
14. If your admission is "conditional" because of your English proficiency is below university level, you will be required to take classes in English as a Second Language, at our Institute, at your own expense.

Minimum Expenses at Fordham University, 2010 – 2011

Please note that the following amounts reflect the cost of tuition, fees and health insurance for the 2010-2011 academic year. Anticipate that all costs related to study at Fordham University will **increase approximately 5% every subsequent year**. This increase may not be reflected on the I-20 or DS-2019 you receive and therefore may not match precisely the amounts listed below.

1. **Estimated Tuition and Fees** Find the name of your school at Fordham in the column on the left. The columns to the right indicate the 2010-2011 full-time tuition (one academic year), estimated living expenses and health insurance. The total estimated expense plus any additional dependent expenses is what you must document for issuance of the I-20 or DS-2019. Full payment of tuition and fees are due upon registration for each term, which takes place in August/September for the fall semester and December/January for the spring semester.
2. **Living expenses:** The cost of living in New York City is one of the highest in the United States. You are required to demonstrate a **minimum** of \$2,000 per month. This generic living expense includes rent, food, books, supplies, service fees, transportation, minor medical expenses, entertainment and clothing. The OIS strongly recommends you have at least an additional 25% reserve of your total expenses available. The value of room and board is between \$13,000 - \$18,000. Written verification and supporting documentation must be submitted by the sponsor if room and board will be provided. You will be required to pay taxes on income earned in the US. This includes income from assistantships, fellowships and scholarships. There are also state and local taxes on income. All individuals in F and J status are required to file a federal tax return annually.
3. **Mandatory Health Insurance:** Because health care in the US is very expensive, Fordham requires all F-1 and J-1 students to purchase health insurance. The comprehensive health insurance plan for the 2010 – 2011 academic year is \$1,134. Coverage for the Fall 2010 semester is from August 23, 2010 to January 1, 2011 and the premium is \$408. Spring 2011 insurance coverage is from January 1, 2011 to August 23, 2011, the premium for this period is \$726. Fall trimester coverage begins on August 23, 2010 and ends on January 3, 2011; Spring trimester is from January 3, 2011 to May 21, 2011; Summer trimester, is between April 25, 2011 and August 23, 2011. Each trimester premium is \$378. **If you wish to purchase insurance covering the period between your arrival and the date that your mandatory plan begins, contact our insurance company, www.cirstudenthealth.com/fordham.**
4. **Dependents** If your spouse is coming with you to the US, you must document an additional \$10,000 per year in living expenses. The annual cost per child is \$7,000 minimum. This figure does not include the health insurance which could cost up to \$3000 for your spouse and children.

Each TOTAL below is the sum of the respective tuition and the constant living expenses determined for each school.

Fordham School	Tuition	Insurance	TOTAL
College of Business Administration, Fordham College at Lincoln Center, Fordham College at Rose Hill	\$37,545	\$1,134	\$56,679
Fordham College of Liberal Studies	\$ 16,800 (based on 24 credits per year)	\$1,134	\$35,934
Graduate School of Business Administration	\$39,924 (based on 36 credits in 12 months)	\$1,134	\$65,058
Graduate School of Education	\$25,200 (based on 24 credits per year)	\$1,134	\$44,334
Graduate School of Arts and Sciences	\$29,520 (24 credits)	\$1,134	\$48,654
Graduate School of Religion and Religious Education	\$12,474 (18 credits)	\$1,134	\$31,608 * *if placed in parishes this figure will be lower
Graduate School of Social Service	\$18,888 (based on 24 credits per year)	\$1,134	\$38,022
Graduate School of Law (LLM)	\$45,850	\$1,134	\$64,984
Graduate School of Law (JD)	\$45,850 (full time)	\$1,134	\$64,984
Institute of American Language and Culture	Refer IALC web site or brochure	Refer IALC web site or brochure	Refer IALC web site or brochure

Please note: All figures are **minimum average** estimates for essential living costs for 9 months unless otherwise indicated. An I-20 or DS-2019 cannot be issued without appropriate supporting documentation as listed above. **You can fax or mail copies and keep the originals to present to the U.S. Consul for your visa application.**

CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY APPLICATION & AFFIDAVIT OF SUPPORT (2010-2011)

In order to receive the Certificate of Eligibility needed to obtain a visa, international students must provide evidence that they have financial support to cover expenses for the academic year as suggested on p.4: If you do not wish to obtain Fordham University F-1 or J-1 status, you do not have to complete this form.

Family("Last") Name _____ Given ("First") Name: _____

*****EXACTLY AS IT APPEARS IN YOUR PASSPORT*****

Address to which the I-20 should be sent*** Male: ___ Female: ___ Single: ___ Married: ___

_____ Date of Birth: _____
Month/Day/Year

_____ Place of Birth: _____
City/Country

_____ Citizenship: _____
Country

_____ Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____ Fax: _____

If you are presently in the United States, what is your current immigration status? _____

If you are presently in the U.S., do you wish to leave the U.S. before you begin studies at Fordham Univ.? _____

(Please note, "pending permanent residency" is not a status.)

If you plan to have your dependents to accompany[any you. Please complete Addendum on p.4

PERSONAL SAVINGS	SPONSOR NAME: _____	OTHER
Attach an official bank letter showing sufficient funds	This person must complete the affidavit of support below and attach a bank or employer letter showing sufficient funds.	Attach copies of the award letter, terms of loan, etc.
1 st YEAR \$ _____ 2 nd YEAR \$ _____	1 st YEAR \$ _____ 2 nd YEAR \$ _____	1 st YEAR \$ _____ 2 nd YEAR \$ _____

AFFIDAVIT OF SUPPORT: To be completed by parents or other sponsor.

I hereby certify that I am able, willing and do promise to provide _____

(Student's name)

with at least US\$_____ to meet his/her expenses during each year of study at Fordham University. I have attached a letter from my bank and/or an employer to prove that the promised financial resources are available to me. I am his or her _____ . (self, parent, friend, uncle, employer, etc.)

Signature _____

Date _____

Print Name _____

*** Office for International Services uses UPS private mailing service in sending out SEVIS I-20 and DS-2019 forms.

