

Financial Documentation for Student Visa Eligibility

The Department of Homeland Security requires that international students submit proof of funds to support themselves and their studies for their first year of study before the OIS can issue a visa document (form I-20 for an F-1 visa or form DS-2019 for a J-1 visa). These funds may come from the department, a government or corporate sponsor, the student's family, or the student him/herself. The [Tuition and Fees](#) page of the OIS website is available to help students determine their required estimated financial expenses.

Financial document review is typically completed after an admission decision has been received. Students are encouraged to submit financial documents as soon as possible; if a student submits their financial documentation at or before the time of departmental admission, it will help to expedite the creation of their visa document.

Applicants who are found to have insufficient personal funds upon initial review of their financial documents will be contacted via email and their files placed into the insufficient financials stage in Atlas (Admit Decision Received – IFIN).

- For Track 1 applicants, this stage sends automated email notifications once every two weeks to remind students to submit their financial documents.
- Track 2 applicants will not receive automated reminders. Track 2 departments may wish to be in contact directly with their applicants when required financial documentation is lacking.

Sometimes applicants make it to the financial document review stage and are lacking sufficient funding information needed from the department. If this is the case, intlgrad@iu.edu will reach out to the department and request them to provide additional materials. This typically involves one of the following:

- Admit Letter
- Funding offer details
- Confirmation of acceptance of funding from the student