

International Applicants – Special Additional Requirements

Read this if you are:

- An International Applicant who is **NOT** a U.S. citizen, permanent resident Visa holder, or refugee.

*Note: The Committee on Admissions reviews only **complete** applications. Please submit all of your Secondary Application materials in one envelope (including your Financial Certificate and related documents). Keep informed of changes in U.S. government policies by checking www.gwu.edu/~grad info*

Special Additional Application Requirements

In addition to the application requirements listed elsewhere in this application packet, international applicants applying for the Graduate Degree and Graduate Certificate Program must also submit the required documents listed below. **Applications are not reviewed by the SPHHS Committee on Admissions until all admissions documents, including the Financial Certificate and supporting bank statements, have been received. I-20 and DS-2019 Documents are prepared only after the accepted international applicant commits to attending GW by returning the Declaration of Intent (included in the acceptance packet) and the \$300 Advanced Enrollment Deposit.**

Check List for International Applicants

Send the following documents to SPHHS:

- Financial Certificate and Related Documents, including original bank statements (see explanation below)
- World Education Service Transcript Translation for all international transcripts (www.wes.org)
- Copy of Passport Biographical Page and Expiration Date
- Home Country Permanent Address
- Sponsor Documentation, if relevant

For International Students in the US, also submit:

- Copy of the I-94 document (front and back with the red INS stamp clearly visible)
- Copy of the Visa Stamp
- Optional Practical Training (OPT) and a written statement that you will forfeit the OPT while a student
- Currently attending College in the US? Request a Transfer Verification from SPHHS after admission, if you plan to attend GW.

TOEFL and GRE

The official score sheet from the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) is required from ETS (use Institutional Code 5268) when the applicant is from a country in which English is not an official language, or has attended universities where English is not the language in which courses were taught. The required minimum TOEFL score is 600 (paper-based) or 250 (computer-based).

TOEFL scores may be no more than two years old. **All international applicants, without exception, are required to submit GRE scores.**

Exception: Physicians may substitute the English validating examination of the FMGEMS or ECFMG in place of the TOEFL.

NOTE: Applicants scoring below 600/250 are required to take the English as a Foreign Language (EFL) placement test at The George Washington University before registering for classes. EFL coursework is required for those who need it. Depending on the test results, you may be restricted in the number of courses that can be taken in addition to EFL courses. Students assigned to EFL courses should anticipate additional tuition expenses as well as a possible extended period of time required to complete their programs.

Financial Certificate for International Applicants Requiring Forms I-20 or DS-2019

The Financial Certificate is included in this packet. Additional copies and instructions are available on the SPHHS website at www.gwumc.edu/sphhs. All international applicants who require an I-20 for F (student) immigration status or an DS-2019 for J (exchange visitor) immigration status must complete the Financial Certificate, related bank statements, and sponsor letters according to instructions. All relevant sections of the Financial Certificate must be completed. You are required to demonstrate that you have sufficient funds available to you to cover the cost of your academic and living expenses. **Failure to follow the instructions and/or failure to provide the required documentation will result in your application being withdrawn from consideration.** Do not base your funding figures on any type of U.S. employment while attending GW.

Self-supporting Applicants. If you plan to use your own funds to support yourself at GW, you must provide documentation in the form of an official bank statement showing that you are able to support yourself for the duration of your study here. The amount on the bank statement(s) must match the amounts listed on the cost charts for your degree that follow the Financial Certificate (minus any sponsorships/scholarships you may have). Include the Financial Certificate and related documents with your Secondary Application and submit them in one envelope to the Office of Admissions.

Parental Support/Individual Sponsor.

If you plan to use parental financial support or the financial support of an individual sponsor to cover your GW expenses, that person must submit an official bank statement verifying amounts listed on the cost charts for your degree that follow the Financial Certificate for your first year. Masters and Doctoral degree candidates must have their parent or individual sponsor write a letter verifying their ongoing financial support for the duration of your study. All of these letters must be submitted together with your Financial Certificate and included with your Secondary Application in one envelope to the Office of Admissions.

Spouse and/or Children.

The *Financial Certificate for International Applicants Requiring Forms I-20 or DS-2019* outlines estimated increased living expenses if you plan to bring your spouse and/or children. All of your financial documentation must reflect these increases in available funds.

Special Notice: The *Financial Certificate for International Applicants Requiring Forms I-20 or DS-2019* and all supporting materials must be received by the Office of Admissions with your other Secondary Application materials in order for the Committee on Admissions to review your application. **Upon acceptance to SPHHS, your Declaration of Intent that is included in your acceptance packet and \$300 Advanced Enrollment Deposit must be received by the Office of Admissions in order to prepare your I-20 or DS-2019 form that is required for you to obtain your Visa. We strongly recommend that you remit the Advanced Enrollment Deposit and the Declaration of Intent prior to the posted return deadline to ensure prompt processing of your I-20 or DS-2019.**

**School of Public Health and Health Services
Financial Certificate
for International Applicants
Requiring Forms I-20 or DS-2019**

Both pages of this form must be completed and submitted with your other Secondary Application materials. Your application will not be considered complete until this Financial Certificate and the necessary verification documents are received. This information is required to generate your I-20 or DS-2019 form used to request your Visa. Accepted international applicants must return their Declaration of Intent with the \$300 Advanced Enrollment Deposit to hold their place in the class and to assure prompt processing of their I-20 or DS-2019. *Please type or print in black ink.* NOTE: Applicants requiring an I-20 or DS-2019 must also provide: 1.) Copy of passport biographical page; 2.) copy of passport expiration date; 3.) Copy of all U.S. Visa stamps. Delays in processing will result if this information is not provided.

General Information

1. Name: Mr. Ms.

_____ LAST (FAMILY NAME) FIRST MIDDLE

2. Permanent address:

_____ STREET

_____ CITY STATE/PROVINCE ZIP/POSTAL CODE COUNTRY

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____
(INCLUDING INTERNATIONAL CALLING CODES)

3. This application is for: Fall 20____ Spring 20____ Summer 20____

4. GW school to which you are applying: School of Public Health and Health Services

5. School of Public Health Degree MPH MHSA Specialist in Health Services Administration
 DrPH MS Health Policy MSES Graduate Certificate

Program/Specialization _____

6. Are you currently in the U.S.? No Yes
(If yes, attach a photocopy of your I-94. Red Stamp must be legible.)

7. Are you presently in F-1 or J-1 status? No Yes (If yes, attach a copy of your I-20 or DS-2019. If you are on F-1 optional practical training, attach a legible photocopy of your employment authorization document.)

8. If requesting an DS-2019, please provide the following information:

City and country of birth:

Country of permanent residence:

Information about Dependents Who Will Accompany You

Please check where appropriate:

I plan to come alone.

Family Expenses If you plan to bring your spouse and/or children, you must also certify an additional \$11,000 for your spouse and \$6,000 for each child. Health insurance is strongly recommended and will cost approximately an additional \$4,100 for your spouse/partner and \$2,000 for each child on an annual basis. These additional expenses need to be added to your financial certificate and bank statements need to demonstrate that support is available for your dependents.

I plan to bring the following dependents (please complete the information below).

Name	Relation	Date of Birth	Country of Birth

Dependents are currently with me in the U.S. and plan to remain with me. Attach a legible photocopy of the biographical/ identification page, I-94 (front and back), passport, and the I-20 or DS-2019 for you and each dependent. On a separate sheet of paper list each dependent's 1.) Name (family and given name); 2.) Gender; 3.) Relationship to you; 4.) Date of birth; 5.) Country of citizenship; 6.) City and country of birth; and 7.) Country of legal permanent residence.

Financial Certificate

Please complete the chart below, and include with this Financial Certificate all financial verification documents requested for each funding category you will use. Financial information must be provided for the estimated length of your academic program (see the degree cost charts that follow). **Bank statements must be submitted to verify the resources are available to you.**

AMOUNTS IN U.S. DOLLARS

SOURCE OF FUNDS	Attach Documents	Projected Support		
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
SELF-SUPPORT A bank official must attach a statement on the bank’s stationery verifying the amount you indicate for all years of study.	\$			
PARENTS or INDIVIDUAL SPONSORS Your sponsor must sign the certification portion below, as well as have an official of his/her bank attach a statement verifying his/her ability to provide you with the funds indicated.	\$			
GOVERNMENT or AGENCY SPONSORS Enclose with this form a signed copy of your letter of award, specifying the current data, the name of The George Washington University, the dollar amount, and the exact starting date and length of the scholarship.	\$			
THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY Enclose a copy of your letter of award of a GW assistantship, scholarship, or grant.	\$			
OTHER (specify) _____ Enclose with this form a signed affidavit from a person authorized to certify the accuracy of this entry.	\$			
DISABILITY SUPPORT SERVICES (if necessary) If you or a dependent require attendant care, please contact the GWU Disability Support Services to estimate the cost here. cwillis@gwu.edu and 202.994.8250 (TDD/ Voice)	\$			
TOTAL (You must complete this final section) Use the degree cost charts that follow and indicate the exact total cost for <u>each year</u> of your degree.	\$			

Applicant’s Certification

I certify that I have read the information provided on this certification, that it is true and accurate, and that the funds are available. I understand that submission of incomplete or inaccurate information or documents may be grounds for denying or withdrawing an offer of admission or termination of enrollment if I have been admitted.

Applicant’s signature: _____ Date: _____

Official Certification by Family or Individual Sponsor

I guarantee that I will provide the above-named applicant the amount indicated on the above char for purposes of full time study at The George Washington University.

Sponsor’s signature: _____

Sponsor’s name (please print): _____ Relationship to applicant: _____

If living in the U.S., please indicate: U.S. citizen permanent resident other:

Sponsors who are living in the U.S. and are NOT a U.S. citizen must provide copies of their immigration papers (I-94 and visa stamp), as well as a copy of the biological page of their passport and passport expiration date.

Sponsor's Address:

STREET

CITY

STATE/PROVINCE

ZIP/POSTAL CODE

COUNTRY

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____
(INCLUDING INTERNATIONAL CALLING CODES)

You are required to certify that you have sufficient funds available for your academic and living expenses. You must complete the Source of Funds form that follows these cost charts for each degree. Enter the exact totals for each year on the form that corresponds with the degree you are seeking. These amounts are based on 2009-2010 costs; tuition and other expenses can be expected to increase yearly.