

# Rider University

## International Student Supplement

### PART 1: DIRECTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE CERTIFICATION OF FINANCES

According to the United States Department of Homeland Security regulations, Rider University is required to obtain certification that applicants have sufficient funds to cover expenses for their studies. To receive an I-20, you must complete this Certification of Available Finances and include the required documents.

1. After you have determined total costs for your first year, estimate the length of time it will take for you to complete the program (typical estimate: four years). Please be aware that costs are likely to increase each year; the average tuition increase has been between five and eight percent over the last several years.
2. Complete the following sections of the form on the back of this page: Personal Information, Student's Sources of Funds and Student Verification.
3. Your parent and/or sponsor should then complete the Sponsor Verification section of the form.
4. If it is not possible to have your parents, sponsor and/or bank official complete this form, please attach an original signed document in the form of a letter verifying funding.
5. Provide the additional required documentation as indicated below. All documentation must be in English and dated within the past six months.
6. We suggest you make two copies of the completed Certification of Finances form: One to take with you when you request your visa from the U.S. Consular Office to demonstrate that you have sufficient funds to study at Rider, and one to bring with you when you arrive in the U.S. for immigration purposes.

Source of Funds/Special Instructions	Required Documentation
Personal/Family	Signature of sponsors on this form. Bank verification on this form AND a bank statement verifying funds.
Government or Employer	Official letter from the agency documenting the name of applicant, amount of support per year and duration of award.
Scholarship	Official letter from the agency awarding the scholarship documenting the name of applicant, amount of support per year and duration of award.
Loans	Official letter from the credit institution indicating approval of the loan and the amount approved.
Rider University Scholarship	You do not need to show proof of documentation for scholarships awarded by Rider University.
Room and Board Provided by Sponsor	Letter from your housing provider stating that room and board will provided free of charge. <i>In this case, you do not need to show proof of funding for room and board.</i>

Please use the following estimated student budget to determine total costs for your first year. This budget is based on two semesters (September through May) at Rider University. Official bills for tuition and fees are sent approximately two months prior to the start of each term.

#### Estimated International Undergraduate Student Budget for 2009–2010

Tuition <sup>1</sup> :	\$ 28,470
Fees:	\$ 840
Living Expenses (Room & Board) <sup>2</sup> :	\$ 10,720
Books and Supplies:	\$ 1,000
Personal Expenses <sup>3</sup> :	\$ 3,500
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$44,530 USD</b>

Other expenses for which you should budget, but which are not included in the estimate shown here, are:

- a) Dell™ laptop computer, required for some College of Business Administration students. Estimated cost: \$2,000.
- b) International transportation.
- c) Summer session costs (tuition, room and board, etc.) if you plan to stay at Rider for the summer.
- d) Spouse (\$5,000 per year) and/or children (\$2,500 per year), if applicable.

<sup>1</sup> Minimum full-time course load for students is 12 credits per semester. Most full-time students enroll in 15 credits per semester.

<sup>2</sup> Room and board estimate is for on-campus housing, including 99 meals per week in the campus dining facility. Commuting students should understand that this is a conservative fee for off-campus housing in the local area. Only students who provide documentation stating the receipt of free room and board are exempt from providing documentation for living expenses.

<sup>3</sup> Personal expenses include clothing, entertainment, local transportation, health insurance, etc. (All international students are required to either carry health insurance that is valid in the United States or enroll in the plan offered through Rider University.)

**PART 2: UNDERGRADUATE CERTIFICATION OF FINANCES**

**Personal Information**

Legal name (as it appears on your passport) \_\_\_\_\_  
Last (family name) First (given name) Middle Name(s)

Country of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent address outside of United States (required)  
 \_\_\_\_\_

I intend to have \_\_\_\_\_ (number) of dependents accompany me to the U.S.  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to me \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Student's Sources of Funds in U.S. Dollars (Must total at least \$44,530 USD)**

Enter the source and amount of annual support you will receive to finance your educational costs for one year. Support may come from one or a combination of the sources listed below.

Source	Assured Dollar Amount <i>(per year for entire academic program)</i>
Personal Savings (must also complete A & C below, provide bank statement) Name of Bank _____	
Parent's Funds (must also complete A, B & C below, provide bank statement) Name of Parent _____	
Sponsor's Funds (must also complete A, B & C below, provide bank statement) Name of Sponsor _____	
Government Grant or Stipend (must also complete C below, provide award letter) Name of Agency _____	
Scholarships (must also complete C below, provide award letter) Name of Agency _____	
Loans (must also complete C below, provide loan approval letter) Name of Agency _____	
Other Means (e.g., free room & board provided by sponsor, etc.)	

**A. Bank Verification** *(Verification of finances may be provided in the form of an original bank letter, in lieu of this section.)*

I certify that the above-named sponsor has the amount shown above on deposit with our institution. This certification implies no responsibility on the part of this bank or financial agency.

Name of bank or agency \_\_\_\_\_ Bank Seal or Stamp:  
 Bank official's name and title \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**B. Sponsor Verification**

This is to certify that I (we) the undersigned have agreed to provide the funds indicated above for the purpose of full-time study at Rider University and that I (we) are submitting bank statements indicating the availability of these funds. I (we) further understand that Rider University will not provide need-based assistance to the applicant, that scholarship awards will not increase beyond the initial amount awarded, and that I (we) must provide these funds for the duration of the applicant's course of study.

Sponsor's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to applicant \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sponsor's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to applicant \_\_\_\_\_

**C. Student Verification**

This is to certify that the information given on this form is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I am fully aware that any false or misleading statement will result in an automatic denial of admission, or cancellation of registration following enrollment.

Applicant's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_