

Statement of Understanding

Important: You must return this statement with your completed admission application.

Instructions: Read the statements below carefully. You must agree to each of these statements before you will be considered for admission.

1. I understand that if English is not my native language, I must take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL).
2. I understand that if I am admitted to the university, I may be tested again for my English proficiency prior to registration at the university. On the basis of these scores, I understand I will be placed in the appropriate English courses for international students.
3. I understand that I must make my own arrangements for housing. (To reserve a room in a University of Houston dormitory, I must apply to the director of housing several months prior to the beginning of the semester.)
4. I have read and understand all admission procedures. I understand that all documents and materials relating to my admission should be forwarded to the Office of International Admissions. I also understand that the \$75 U.S. application fee is non refundable and that my application will not be processed without the fee.
5. I understand that I must give written permission to the University of Houston for anyone other than myself to request information about the status of my application and/or admission status.
6. I understand that if I am unable to attend the University of Houston for the semester in which I am approved, a written request and an additional application fee must be submitted in order to update my file.
7. I understand that I must submit an official, translated (**not evaluated**) syllabus or course description of all course work taken at a foreign university or college by the application deadline in order to insure a transfer evaluation during my first enrolled semester.
8. I understand I must attend the one-week orientation for non-immigrant international students; the cost of the orientation is \$75 U.S.
9. I understand that I must pay the international student insurance fee for medical/hospitalization coverage. Exemptions are made only for those with proof of a currently valid policy showing a minimum of \$50,000 U.S. coverage, including insurance for repatriation and medical evacuation.
10. I understand that I should have \$27,990 U.S. (**undergraduate**) or \$25,690 U.S. (**graduate**) available for my first year of study. This amount includes living expenses for 12 months. If attending summer school, add \$4,000 U.S. for summer tuition. Of this amount, I must have a minimum of \$6,000 U.S. in my possession to meet initial expenses when I arrive in Houston. I am advised to carry this in the form of traveler's checks.
11. I understand that I must accept visa restrictions which prohibit off-campus employment.
12. I understand that I should arrive in Houston on or before the date specified on the I-20 form or DS-2019/IAP-66. If I cannot arrive on time, I must request in writing that my application be considered for a subsequent semester and pay an additional fee.
13. I understand that I must allow five weeks processing time.
14. I understand that the University of Houston may release a portion or all of my record to any of the UH campuses.
15. (**Graduate Only**) I understand that I must check with my department of my major for additional fees and requirements.
16. (**Graduate Only**) I understand that I must submit proof of my prior degree conferred before the end of the first semester I am enrolled at UH.
17. I have read and understand the statements listed above.

If you agree to fulfill all of the requirements as stated above, please sign below.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Students from Australia, the Bahamas, Belize, the British Isles, English-speaking Canadian provinces, the Fiji Islands, Jamaica, Liberia, New Zealand, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Trinidad, the United States, the Virgin Islands, the West Indies, and Zimbabwe are exempt from taking the TOEFL with exceptions as listed under the English Proficiency Requirements.

Letter of Financial Backing (*non-immigrant students only*)

This form must be updated every six months. The Affidavit of Support form (I-134) is valid for one year from the signature date.

The University of Houston requires confirmation of financial resources for applicants who hold an F or J visa. This statement must be completed and on file with the university prior to the release of immigration documents. Please print all information. The University of Houston reserves the right to request bank statements as supporting documentation. (**NOTE:** If self-sponsoring, you must include a recent bank statement showing assets of \$27,900 U.S. (**undergraduate**) or \$25,690 U.S. (**graduate**) which covers one year's fees.)

This is to certify that I will assume full financial responsibility of \$27,990¹ U.S. (**undergraduate**) or \$25,690 U.S. (**graduate**) per year for the support of:

Name of Student while attending UH

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Social Security number or UH ID number

Country of Birth

Date of Birth of Student

Country of Citizenship

Sponsor's Signature²

Date Sponsor's Signature

Sponsor's Full Name

Sponsor's Relation to Student

Sponsor's Address

Telephone Number

¹ These figures are subject to change without notification. This amount includes living expenses for 12 months. If attending summer school, add \$4,500 for summer tuition.

² To be signed by the student only when self-sponsoring. This information is necessary for the Certificate of Eligibility (I-20 form) or DS-2019.

Dependant Information

If you are seeking entry for your dependant(s) spouse and children, you must provide us with the following information:

Financial proof of \$4,500 U.S. is required for your spouse and \$2,250 U.S. is required for each dependant child.

Family Name _____

Please attach additional page if needed for more dependants. See back for Relationship to additional information.

First Name _____

Date of Birth _____ Country of Birth _____

F-1 Student _____