

undergraduate international student information form



Application Deadlines

International applicants are encouraged to apply electronically by completing the online international application at www.admissions.gmu.edu and submitting a nonrefundable US\$75.00 application fee. **Freshman** applicants should submit the online international application to the Office of Admissions by February 1 for the fall semester (September) admission or October 1 for the spring semester (January) admission. **Transfer** applicants with at least 30 semester hours of credit, (one year, full-time enrollment) should apply for fall semester admission by March 1 and spring semester admission by October 1.

Transcript and Certificate of Record

Transfer applicants educated outside of the United States must have all collegiate transcripts evaluated by an external evaluation service. The university strongly recommends that international transcripts be evaluated by the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (AACRAO) Foreign Education Credential Service. The evaluation must be a course-by-course evaluation of university work. The web site for AACRAO's evaluation service is www.aacrao.org/credential/index.htm. When requesting a credential evaluation, be sure that George Mason University is listed as one of the recipients of the assessment.

Test Requirements

All **freshman** and **transfer** applicants who have completed fewer than 30 semester hours—one year—of university-level coursework are required to submit scores from the Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT I) or the American College Test (ACT). The International Edition of the SAT I bulletin is available from U.S.-type high schools in more than 140 different countries or on the web at www.collegeboard.com. Test dates and locations are listed in the bulletin. Registration applications for the ACT are also available through U.S.-type high schools overseas or on the web at www.act.org. Results of the SAT I or the ACT must be received by the Admissions Office directly from the testing center. George Mason's codes are 5827 for the SAT I and 4357 for the ACT. Students should plan to take the examination in June, October, or November of the year prior to the semester for which they are applying.

English Proficiency Requirements

All international students must provide proof of proficiency in the English language. Proficiency may be documented in one of the following ways:

- Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) score of 230 on the computer-based test or 570 on the paper test. (Scores for the IBT TOEFL have not been established.)
- A score of 450 on the verbal section of the SAT I or 19 on the English section of the ACT
- Six semester hours of college-level English composition or literature satisfactorily completed with a grade of C or better at a regionally accredited university or college in the United States
- International English Language Testing System (IELTS)-Academic Test Report Form overall score of 6.5

Information about the TOEFL can be found on the web at www.toefl.org.



Financial Documents Required

International students planning to enroll on a student (F-1 or J-1) visa must complete the **Undergraduate International Student Information Form** and provide proof of financial support. Financial support may be obtained from more than one source, and documentation can be no more than six months old. Before an I-20 or DS 2019 Form will be issued, the student must be admitted to the university and provide assurance that sufficient financial resources are available to cover the costs of the first year of study and that adequate funding will be available for subsequent years. The estimated costs for the 2005–06 academic year are listed below. Please note that tuition and fees generally increase about 4 percent each year.

Tuition and fees	\$17,160
Insurance (required)	\$1,075
Housing (double room)	\$6,600
Food	\$1,800
Books and supplies	\$1,000
Transportation	\$1,000
Personal expenses	\$2,200
Total estimated cost	\$30,835

Issuance of a Nonimmigrant Student Visa (F-1 or J-1)

Once a student has been admitted to the university and provided acceptable proof of funding, the Office of International Programs and Services (OIPS) will review the documents provided and issue the appropriate immigration document (Form I-20 or DS 2019). This form needs to be taken to the U.S. embassy or consulate to apply for the appropriate visa. Students already in the United States should contact OIPS for instructions on transfer procedures of their immigration status and/or change of status, if necessary.



Online Information

Apply Online

www.admissions.gmu.edu

Submit your application online at your convenience, 24 hours per day.

University Catalog

www.gmu.edu/catalog

See course descriptions, degree requirements, and program overviews.

Schedule of Classes

registrar.gmu.edu/schedule

See what classes are being offered and are available for the current semester.

Office of International Programs and Services

www.gmu.edu/student/oips

See what services are offered by OIPS, and view a schedule of events and activities with an international focus.

English Language Institute

mason.gmu.edu/~eli/

Learn about studying English as a second language at George Mason University.

Additional Information

Admissions Office, George Mason University, 4400 University Drive, MS 3A4, Fairfax, VA 22030, USA. Phone: (703) 993-2400;

Fax: (703) 993-2392

Office of International Programs and Services, George Mason University, 4400 University Drive, MS 4C3, Fairfax, VA 22030, USA.

Phone: (703) 993-2970; Fax: (703) 993-2966



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Immigration documents (I-20 or DS 2019) required for international students studying full time in the United States will not be issued until this form is complete (front and back) and returned along with supporting documents to **Office of Admissions, George Mason University, 4400 University Drive, MS 3A4, Fairfax, VA 22030 USA.**

Personal Information

Applicant's Name: _____ Male Female
Last (family name) First Middle

Date of Birth: _____ Country of Birth: _____ City of Birth: _____
month/day/year

Country of Citizenship: _____ Country of Legal Permanent Residency: _____

E-mail: _____ Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Foreign Residence Address (MANDATORY for your I-20): _____ U.S. Mailing Address (if applicable): _____ U.S. Address (Physical street address where you live; P.O. Box not acceptable): _____

Where would you like your I-20 mailed? _____

Immigration Information

What type of immigration document are you requesting from George Mason University?

I-20 (F-1 status) DS 2019 (J-1 status) None. My visa status is:

All students must attach a copy of the identification page of their passport or, (if passport is unavailable) a copy of their birth certificate.

Are you currently in the United States? Yes No

If yes: 1. What is your current immigration status? F-1 J-1 Other: _____ Expiration date: _____

2. I-94 number (white card in passport) _____

3. What school or university are you currently attending? _____

4. Are you planning to leave the United States before coming to George Mason? Yes No

5. If yes, when? _____

Please attach a copy of your current immigration document (Form I-20, DS 2019, or other) and I-94 (arrival/departure) record.

Information About Dependents Who Will Accompany You

If your family will accompany you, you must show evidence of an additional US\$5,000 per year for your spouse and US\$2,500 for each child. For each dependent, please attach a copy of passport identification page or birth certificate.

Please complete: I plan to come alone.

I plan to bring the following dependent(s):

The following dependents are currently with me in the United States and will remain with me:

Name: _____ Relationship: _____
Last (family name) First

Date of Birth: _____ Country of Birth: _____ City of Birth: _____
month/day/year

Country of Citizenship: _____ Country of Legal Permanent Residency: _____
(Please continue on a separate sheet of paper if needed.)

Funding

You must demonstrate that you have sufficient funds available for your academic and living expenses. You or your sponsor will be responsible for all payments according to scheduled George Mason University payment dates for each semester. The estimated costs for undergraduate study for the 2005-06 academic year are as follows:

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F-1 and J-1 students are required to study full time during the fall and spring semesters but are not required to attend the summer term. Tuition costs are based on full-time minimum enrollment for fall and spring, not including tuition for optional summer term.

Please complete the chart below and attach all financial verification documents requested for each funding category used. Acceptable financial support documents include those of checking accounts, savings accounts, certificates of deposit, and money market accounts. Unacceptable financial support documents include stocks or bonds, or statements of company assets. Documents must be original bank statements or original letters on bank letterhead signed by a bank official and must be less than six months old.

SOURCE OF FUNDS	YEAR 1	YEARS 2-4
1. Self-Support You must enclose an original bank statement or letter on the bank's stationery to verify the amount you indicate.	\$	\$
2. Parents or Individual Sponsor Your parents or sponsor must sign the certification portion below and enclose an original bank statement or letter on their bank's stationery to verify their ability to provide you with the indicated funds.	\$	\$
3. Your Government Enclose a signed copy of award letter with current date, amount in U.S. dollars, and beginning and ending date of award period.	\$	\$
4. George Mason University Enclose a copy of George Mason University award letter for scholarships, grants, and tuition waivers.	\$	\$
5. Other (please specify): _____ Enclose signed affidavit from an authorized person to certify the accuracy of this entry.	\$	\$
The totals for the SOURCE OF FUNDS must meet or exceed \$ 30,835 per year. TOTAL:	\$ 30,835	\$ 92,505

(Please refer to the table on the preceding page of this form.)

PLEASE NOTE:

- Students holding F-1 or J-1 visas should not anticipate employment as a means of support while studying at George Mason University. Employment for F-1 and J-1 students is restricted.
- Payment schedule is printed in the *Schedule of Classes* and is posted on the web at registrar.gmu.edu/calendars.html.

APPLICANT: I certify that the information provided here is correct and complete. I will be responsible for adhering to all university tuition, room and board, and health insurance payment schedules.

Signature of applicant _____ (Date and place signed) _____

Print name Last (family name) First Middle

PARENT/SPONSOR: This is to certify that I have read the information provided by the applicant on this form, that it is true and accurate, and that the funds are available and will be provided as stated.

Signature of parent/sponsor _____ (Date and place signed) _____

Print name Last (family name) First Relationship to applicant _____

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	Term Admitted: Fall <input type="checkbox"/> Spring <input type="checkbox"/> Year _____	Major _____
	Level: Freshman <input type="checkbox"/> Sophomore <input type="checkbox"/> Junior <input type="checkbox"/> Senior <input type="checkbox"/>	Credits Transferred _____
	Signature: _____	Date: _____