

**TUITION, FEES, AND ESTIMATED LIVING EXPENSES  
FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS  
2008-2009 Academic Year**

**UNDERGRADUATE AND POST-BACCALAUREATE**

U.S. immigration regulations require undergraduate and post-baccalaureate international students to complete a minimum of 12 credits per quarter. Most undergraduate students average 16 credits per quarter. The cost for each additional credit is approximately \$422. Please check with your individual department to verify the cost per credit.

Tuition for <b>12 credits</b> per term	\$15,192	3 quarters (9 months) @ \$5,064 per quarter
Fees for <b>12 credits</b> per term	\$ 1,242	3 quarters (9 months) @ \$414 per quarter
Living Expenses	<u>\$12,810</u>	(refer to annual cost of living breakdown below)
<b>Estimated cost for 9 months*</b>	<b>\$29,244</b>	<b>Undergraduate &amp; Post-baccalaureate</b>

**MASTER'S AND DOCTORAL**

U.S. immigration regulations require master's and doctoral international students to complete a minimum of 9 credits per quarter. Most master's and doctoral students average 9-12 credits per quarter. The cost for each additional credit is approximately \$519. Please check with your individual department to verify the cost per credit.

Tuition for <b>9 credits</b> per term	\$13,824	3 quarters (9 months) @ \$4,608 per quarter
Fees for <b>9 credits</b> per term	\$ 1,242	3 quarters (9 months) @ \$414 per quarter
Living Expenses	<u>\$12,810</u>	(refer to annual cost of living breakdown below)
<b>Estimated cost for 9 months*</b>	<b>\$27,876</b>	<b>Master's &amp; Doctoral</b>

Please note: The above expenses are estimated for the academic year only. Students who plan to remain in the United States during summer term should plan to have an additional \$4,270 available.

**ESTIMATED COST OF LIVING FOR 2008-2009 ACADEMIC YEAR**

Rent	\$540	per month	X	9 months	=	\$4,860
Food	\$300	per month	X	9 months	=	\$2,700
Misc/Personal	\$300	per month	X	9 months	=	\$2,700
Books	\$630	per quarter	X	3 quarters	=	\$1,890
Insurance	\$165	per quarter	X	4 quarters	=	<u>\$660</u>

**Total estimated living expenses for 9 months** **\$12,810**

Students whose spouses accompany them should plan to have an additional \$680/month.  
For each child accompany student, an additional \$400/month should be available.

Tuition, fees, and estimated living expenses increase each year. The amounts reflected above are specifically for the 2008-2009 academic year. Please note: starting in academic year 2008-2009, there are different many tuition schedules. While you must show that you have the above amount available for each year you study at Portland State, your actual expenses may be more, or less, than our estimates depending on what you study and the number of credits in which you enroll. You may review all tuition schedules here: <http://pdx.edu/registration/tuition.html>

## PROOF OF FINANCIAL RESOURCES FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### ***Why do I need to submit proof of financial resources?***

Per government regulations, all international students wishing to obtain a student visa (either F-1 or J-1) must provide their respective educational institutions with evidence of adequate financial support for at least their first year of study.

### ***I do not intend to study at PSU with an F-1 or J-1 student visa. Must I show proof of financial resources?***

No. Only applicants who intend to study at PSU with F-1 or J-1 student visas must submit proof of financial resources.

### ***Can you issue my I-20 before I show proof of financial support?***

No. We must receive sufficient financial documentation prior to issuing your I-20 immigration document.

### ***What is the amount of financial resources I must provide?***

U.S. immigration regulations require F-1 and J-1 students to provide their respective educational institutions with proof of financial resources for at least their first year of study. IMPORTANT NOTE: The visa officer at the U.S. Embassy or Consulate may require that you show proof of financial support for your entire degree program. If you must apply for or renew your F-1 or J-1 student visa before joining PSU, please check with the U.S. Embassy or Consulate in your country for exact requirements.

### ***I plan to transfer away from Portland State in less than 1 year. Do I still have to show the amount listed?***

Even if you plan to transfer away from Portland State before the end of one year, U.S. immigration regulations require that you show proof of financial support for a minimum of one year of study.

### ***Will I need to take only the number of credits reflected on the "Tuition, Fees, and Estimated Living Expenses"?***

U.S. Immigration regulations require F-1 and J-1 student visa holders to complete a minimum number of credits per quarter. Undergraduate and postbaccalaureate international students must complete a minimum of 12 credits each quarter; masters and doctoral students must complete a minimum of 9 credits per quarter. You may find that you must enroll for additional credits each quarter in order to complete your degree in the time period shown on your I-20.

### ***I have a bank letter that indicates I have maintained a bank account for a certain number of years, but it does not specify my account balance. Is this bank letter acceptable?***

No. The following information must appear on an original bank statement or bank letter on official bank stationery: (1) the account holder's name, (2) the account number(s), (3) the date the account was opened, and (4) the current account balance(s).

### ***I don't have enough money in a bank account, but I have other assets. Will they be acceptable for an I-20?***

No. Real estate holdings, insurance policies, personal property, and stock holdings cannot be used to confirm financial support.

### ***Do I have to show my own personal financial resources, or can I show the resources of a relative or other sponsor?***

Your tuition and living expenses can be provided by a family member or a private sponsor. Your sponsor must complete and sign the PSU Statement of Support or the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services I-134 Affidavit of Support form. Your sponsor also must submit an original bank statement/letter with the specific details as described above.

### ***Is my sponsor required to submit an affidavit of support?***

Yes. Your sponsor must complete one of the following documents: (1) the PSU Statement of Support form or (2) the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services I-134 Affidavit of Support form. We must receive one of these forms and your sponsor's necessary supporting financial documentation before we can issue your I-20 form.

### ***I am sponsored by my government. What kind of financial documentation should I submit?***

Your government must send us an original, official Billing Authorization Letter with full disclosure of the extent and amount of government or agency support including dates of sponsorship and any special conditions.

### ***I don't think I will require so much money for living expenses. Do I still have to show the amount listed?***

Yes. The "Tuition, Fees, and Estimated Living Expenses for International Students" amounts reflect the average cost of living for international students in Portland. It is unlikely that your living expenses will be less than the estimated amount.

### ***I will be living with a relative or host family in Portland. Must I provide a bank statement for the full amount of the estimated living expenses?***

No. You do not have to provide a bank statement for the portion of your living expenses that will be provided by your relative or host family. Your relative/host sponsor must be a US citizen, permanent resident, or be otherwise legally authorized to work in the US, and this individual cannot be an international student on an F-1 or J-1 visa. In addition to an Affidavit of Support form (as described above), your relative/host sponsor must submit one of the following documents: (1) a bank statement or (2) an employment letter on business stationery with the following details: (a) date of employment, (b) job title, (c) annual salary, and (d) whether position is temporary or permanent. Please note that you are required to submit an official bank letter/statement (either yours or your sponsor's) for the amount of your first year's tuition and fees.

### ***I am applying to a graduate program. How can I get a graduate assistantship?***

Graduate assistantships are awarded by graduate academic departments. Please check with your prospective graduate department regarding your eligibility for a teaching or research assistantship. If you receive a graduate assistantship, your department automatically will send a photocopy of your assistantship award letter to the Office of Admissions, Registration, and Records. This photocopied letter will be used toward the financial documentation you must submit before being issued an I-20 document.