Funding Documentation Requirements for J-1 Scholars

What are Funding Requirements?

Federal regulations require J-1 Exchange Visitor Programs to verify that a J-1 Exchange Visitor (EV) and their J-2 dependents have sufficient **funding** to cover expenses for the **duration** of the J-1 program that meet the required minimum. In order for ISSS to issue a DS-2019, EVs must submit the appropriate documentation for funding verification.

**General Funding Documentation Guidelines:**

The estimated **minimum** amount of funding necessary to cover living expenses is:

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<th>Per Month</th>
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<td>J-1 Exchange Visitor</td>
<td>$1,700</td>
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<td>J-2 Dependent (Spouse or Minor Child)</td>
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<td><strong>Total for one J-1 Exchange Visitor and one J-2 dependent</strong></td>
<td>$2,200</td>
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<td><em>For each additional dependent add:</em></td>
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- Documentation must include the amounts mentioned above, and dated within **3 Months** of the DS-2019 application submission.
- All Documents must be on Official letter head of the institution that provides the letter.
- Funding from multiple sources is acceptable (Personal funds, the University of Utah, or Outside Institutions).

**Personal Funds:**
- EV’s Bank Account (Checking or savings) must be provided clearly indicating the account holder’s name, the current balance, the date of issuance, and the currency type.
- If a **third party** is providing the funding (family member, benefactor, etc.), the third party must provide the account statements and complete and sign the **Affidavit of Support** to be submitted with their bank statement.

**University of Utah:**
- If paid by the University of Utah, funding can be demonstrated by the University host department’s offer or appointment letter.
- The letter should state whether the EV will receive employee benefits such as University sponsored health insurance.

**Outside Institutions** – this could include a visitor’s home country government organization, an educational institution or organization, a scholarship, etc.

Funding Documents must provide the following:
- Specific Dates the funding is available
- The amount of funding provided during the entire visit
- Clearly state that the funding is to be used to support the Exchange Visitor’s program
- Signature from an Authorized Signatory at the organization