

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:

	Per Month	Per Year
J-1 Exchange Visitor	\$ 1,700	\$ 20,400
J-2 Dependent (Spouse or Minor Child)	\$ 500	\$ 6,000
Total for one J-1 Exchange Visitor and one J-2 dependent	\$ 2,200	\$ 26,400
*For each additional dependent add:	\$ 500	\$ 6,000

Note: To adjust for, and to appropriately disclose an accurate cost of living in the Salt Lake Metro area, the minimum **proof of funding** required will increase to \$2,400 per month beginning **January 1, 2023**. The amount per dependent (\$500) will remain the same. **This is not a salary requirement.**

- 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