

Documenting Funding for Rutgers University's J-1 Visa Sponsorship

Funding documentation is required **only if you will not be fully funded by Rutgers** (including sufficient funds for dependents, if any). Documentation must indicate the source, amount, dates and any other terms of the funding. Documentation for visits of less than one year may be pro-rated on a monthly basis. Documentation must be in English, but the currency does **not** need to be in U.S. Dollars.

J-1 Visiting Professors, Research Scholars, and Short-Term Scholars

J-1 visitors in the professor, research scholar or short-term scholar category must document funding of *no less than* USD 30,000 per year. Up to 25% may be from personal funds. Funding for J-2 dependents **is** also required. The minimum amount of funding documentation required for dependents is as follows: \$5000 per year for spouse; \$4,500 per year for *each* child. The dependent amounts are required per visit, not per year, and may come from personal sources.

While the specific type of documentation will vary depending on the funding source, examples of evidence of funding might be: (1) a letter from your home university stating you (the visitor) will be on sabbatical; the dates of your visit to Rutgers; the amount, in foreign currency, of salary you will receive during the period that you will be at Rutgers; and that your home university supports the visit to Rutgers for educational exchange purposes; (2) a letter from a government agency or other bona fide sponsoring agency outlining the funding amount, the terms under which the funding for your educational exchange program is being granted, and the specific dates during which the funding will be provided; 3) a bank statement in English or translated into English showing funds available.

If salary from home institution is used, it must specify that the J-1 visitor will continue to receive that amount during their time at Rutgers University.

If you have any questions about how to document funding for your visit, please discuss the matter with your host department at Rutgers.

J-1 Visiting Research Students

J-1 visitors in the "student" category who will come to Rutgers for research *only* (will not enroll in coursework at Rutgers) must document funding of *no less than* the appropriate amount listed below, which is different for graduate students than for undergraduate students. Up to 25% may be from personal funds, unless the visit is under the auspices of a formal exchange agreement, then 100% personal funds are permitted. The formal exchange agreement between your university and Rutgers University must apply to your particular visit and must be documented by your prospective host department at Rutgers.

The minimum amount of funding required for dependents is as follows: \$5000 per year for spouse; \$4,500 per year for *each* child. The dependent amounts are required per visit, not per year, and may come from personal sources.

Graduate students (currently pursuing a Master's or Ph.D. at your home institution):

The amount of funding required for graduate students may be *no less than* USD 20,000 per year, or USD 1,666 per month.

Undergraduate students (currently pursuing a BA or BS at your home institution)

Undergraduates are permitted to come to Rutgers to conduct research only as part of a formal exchange agreement. The amount of funding required for undergraduate students may be *no less than* USD 16,000 per year, or USD 1,333 per month.

While the specific type of documentation will vary depending on the funding source, examples of evidence of funding might be: (1) a letter from your home university specifying the amount, terms and dates during which the home university will provide you with funding; (2) a letter from an agency of your government stating the amount, terms, and dates of government funding; (3) for students using personal funds or participating in a formal exchange program, a copy of a current bank statement or letter from a bank showing that at least the amount of funding required for your J-1 visit to Rutgers is available. The statement or letter should be in English or officially translated into English; if the bank account is not in your name, the owner of the account must certify in writing that he or she intends to provide you with at least the amount required.

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