

## Minimum Living Expense Requirements for Visiting Students and Undergraduate Researchers

Students and Exchange Visitors must be able to demonstrate the availability of funding in the minimum amount of \$1,633 per month for themselves, plus \$550 per month for an accompanying spouse, plus \$550 per month for each accompanying dependent child for the duration of their stay in F or J status in order to meet minimum funding requirements. They can demonstrate this through UND funds (stipend or scholarship), US or home government funds, home institution funds, personal funds, private sponsors, or a combination thereof.

### Important Notes

- If a student or undergraduate researcher will be responsible for any tuition costs, those expenses must be documented **in addition to** the living expenses outlined here.
- Students and undergraduate researchers coming on a J-1 Non-Degree program must receive significant financial support from a source other than personal or family funds. (Those on a J-1 Student Intern program are not subject to this requirement.)
- Funding minimum requirements are outlined in the chart below:

Time Period	Self	With Spouse	With Spouse and One Child	With Spouse and Two Children
1 Month	\$1,633	\$2,183	\$2,733	\$3,283
2 Months	\$3,266	\$4,366	\$5,466	\$6,566
3 Months	\$4,899	\$6,549	\$8,199	\$9,849
4 Months	\$6,532	\$8,732	\$10,932	\$13,132
5 Months	\$8,165	\$10,915	\$13,665	\$16,415
6 Months	\$9,798	\$13,098	\$16,398	\$19,698
7 Months	\$11,431	\$15,281	\$19,131	\$22,981
8 Months	\$13,064	\$17,464	\$21,864	\$26,264
9 Months	\$14,697	\$19,647	\$24,597	\$29,547
10 Months	\$16,330	\$21,830	\$27,330	\$32,830
11 Months	\$17,963	\$24,013	\$30,063	\$36,113
12 Months	\$19,596	\$26,196	\$32,796	\$39,396

### Proof of Financial Support

Acceptable Types of Funding	Unacceptable Types of Funding
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bank statement or official bank letter verifying balance</li> <li>• University funding: scholarship, assistantship, tuition award, etc.</li> <li>• Government funding detailed in Letter of Support*</li> <li>• Bank loans</li> <li>• Stock or bonds that are not part of a retirement plan</li> <li>• Statements verifying employment and continued salary while in program</li> <li>• Letter of support* and accompanying bank statement from other individuals who offer financial support</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Non-liquid assets, such as personal property (land, buildings, automobiles, jewelry, etc.)</li> <li>• Insurance premiums and policies</li> <li>• Lines of credit</li> <li>• Income tax returns</li> <li>• Business or company account from those which have multiple owners or partners</li> </ul>

\*A Letter of Support must contain the following:

- The date the letter was written (cannot be older than 6 months)
- Be printed on government, employer, or institutional letterhead in English (when applicable)
- The name of the student
- The total amount of funds to be provided to the student during the time he or she will be at Notre Dame
- The signature of an official at the government office, employer, or institution with the individual's title (when applicable)

Finally, please be mindful that we must calculate the lowest monthly amount guaranteed within financial certification letters. For example, if the China Scholarship Counsel will offer a monthly stipend of \$1,300-\$1,700 for one year, we must calculate the minimum guaranteed amount of \$1,300 x 12 as proof of funds for that year. The student will be responsible for demonstrating the remaining \$333 per month to meet the minimum financial certification requirements.