

In order to refer you for admission, we must have proof of enough money for the first year of study and verification that you will be funded for the remainder of your term of study. The required minimum amount of money needed for the first year of study changes from year to year, so make sure you use the newest Declaration and Certification of Finances form, which can be downloaded from <http://www.grad.uiuc.edu/forms/admission/CertofFinances.pdf>. It should specify expenses for the entry term for which you are applying.

Please follow the directions on the back of the Declaration and Certification of Finances form to indicate who is sponsoring you, and return with appropriate documentation as described.

Bank statements

If you are providing a bank statement, either yours or that of a family member or friend, please note that official bank statements:

- Must be on official bank letterhead (copy, fax, or website printout is not acceptable)
- Must be less than one year old at the time we send your referral to the Graduate Admissions Office.

In addition:

- Acceptable funds include checking accounts, savings accounts, and certificate of deposit accounts. CDs are automatically acceptable if the maturity date is prior to the first day of class for the term of entry. All other CDs' acceptability will be based on maturity dates and be reviewed case by case.
- The account holder must be the person who signed the sponsor section on the Declaration and Certification of Finances form. If a joint bank account statement is submitted both account holders must sign and verify support on the finance form.
- Acceptable Bank Documents: Current, original bank statements or original bank letter on official bank letterhead with checking account, savings account, or certificate of deposit (CD) accounts with maturity dates. The institution should state exactly how much money is in each account.
- Unacceptable Bank Documents: Faxed documents, copies of original documents, web site printouts, investment accounts, land titles and trusts, certificate of deposit (CD) accounts that do not show maturity dates, mutual fund accounts, and documents over one year old at the time of admission.

Other Documentation

If a business, government, agency, private grant or scholarship is your sponsor, they need to provide an official contract or letter that fulfills the following requirements:

- The contract or letter must be signed and be on official letterhead, and must be less than one year old at the time we send your referral to the Graduate Admissions Office.
- The document must state that the sponsorship covers tuition and fees, health insurance and living expenses, and dependent expenses (if applicable), or must state the specific dollar amount the sponsor is willing to provide. The document also needs to include the expiration date of the sponsorship offer.
- The sponsor can be billed directly and can indicate this in the letter.

All financial documentation should be sent directly to our department. Do NOT send it to Graduate Admissions. Documents must be original hard copy. Send documentation to: Admissions, Educational Psychology, 1310 S. Sixth St., Room 226, Champaign, IL 61820.