

DS-2019 Exchange Student Application

This application is for exchange students from partner universities that will study at Seton Hall for 1-2 semesters. This application explains how to get your Form DS-2019, which is used to apply for the J-1 visa. You will bring it to your visa appointment at the United States embassy in your home country.

To issue the form DS-2019, our office requires the following documents. Please submit the completed application to our [Secure Portal](#).

- 1) **The Application for Exchange Students**
- 2) **Proof of Finances:** As you are participating in a tuition exchange program, you do not need to provide finances to cover tuition and fee costs. However, you must provide proof of finances to cover living expenses and health insurance for the duration of your stay in the United States.
- 3) **Copy of Passport**
- 4) **Proof of English-language proficiency (if applicable)**

IMPORTANT VISA INFORMATION:

- **We strongly advise against students entering the U.S. under the ESTA status for this program at Seton Hall University.** The ESTA program can only be used by tourists coming to the U.S. This is an educational program; it is more appropriate to participate under the J-1 status.
- J-1 visa holders **may not** enter the United States more than **30 days** prior to the program start date on your DS-2019 form.
- **Do not book your flight before you have been approved for the J-1 visa.**

For more information on the J-1 visa regulations, what to expect at the visa interview and studying in the United States, please visit our [J-1 Exchange Students and Scholars Page](#).

PROOF OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

All J-1 visa exchange visitors must possess sufficient English-language skills in order to carry out their program and daily life in the United States. Your home university must provide us with a signed letter confirming this about you or you can submit English proficiency test scores: TOEFL 79 or IELTS 6



APPLICATION FOR EXCHANGE STUDENTS

PERSONAL DATA

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Date of Birth ____/____/____ Male/Female _____

Country of Citizenship _____ City and Country of Birth _____

Current University and Major _____

Address _____ City _____

State/Province _____ Postal Code _____ Country _____

CURRENT MAILING ADDRESS

Street Number _____ City _____

State/Province _____ Postal Code _____ Country _____

Telephone _____ E-mail _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Relationship to Student _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Address _____

ENROLLMENT

Semester: ____ Fall ____ Spring ____ Summer 20 ____

Expected dates in the United States: From: _____ to: _____

Major Choice _____ Level of Education _____

HOUSING: ____ I will apply for on-campus housing ____ I will look for off-campus housing



PROOF OF FINANCES

CALCULATE YOUR EXPENSES PER SEMESTER

To estimate housing & living costs for **one semester**, please refer to the breakdown below. You must show proof of available funds for each semester that you plan to attend Seton Hall University. This breakdown may fluctuate based on the individual's lifestyle and the selections they make for housing and a meal plan.

ROOM & BOARD

On-Campus*:	\$6,350 (One semester)
Meal Plan U-300**:	\$3,140 (One semester)
Off-Campus Housing (approximate)	\$5,000 (One semester)
Off-Campus Food (approximate)	\$2,500 (One semester)

OTHER EXPENSES

Personal Expenses	\$1,500 (One semester)
SHU UG Health Insurance***	\$2,332 (Full academic year)
SHU Grad/Law Health Insurance***	\$4,559 (Full academic year)
Books and supplies	\$500 (One Semester- Approximate)

TOTAL

Total:	On-Campus	Off-Campus
One Semester:	UG- \$13,822	UG- \$11,832
	Grad - \$16,049	Grad/Law- \$14,059
Two Semesters:	UG - \$25,312	UG - \$21,332
	Grad - \$27,539	Grad/Law - \$ 23,559

*This is the cost of the average dormitory; however, prices vary depending on the specific dormitory and if single/double.

**Meal plans are mandatory when living on-campus.

*****SHU Health Insurance is mandatory for all international and exchange students.** The University automatically bills for 1 academic year in the fall. If you are only studying for 1 semester, you must email our office to adjust this. Rate price as of 06/2024 is subject to change.

Note: Law School Newark Campus does not have on-campus housing.

SOURCES OF FUNDING YOU CAN USE

- **Funds from Sponsors** (parents, relatives, friends, organizations). You may have as many sponsors as you need. Sponsors may provide you with support in the form of monetary funds and/or room and board. Free housing is when you live with someone in the U.S. and will not pay for rent or utilities.
 - **Financial Sponsors** should provide bank statements, bank letter with account balance or other type of document of liquid finances, as proof that these funds are available. These documents should be in the sponsor's name, in English, no more than 3 months old and state the currency. Additionally, financial sponsors must sign the Cash Support Form (attached) to certify that they will use their funds to pay for your education costs.
 - **Room and Board Sponsors** should sign the Housing Support Form and attach proof of address.
- **Personal Funds** (come from your own resources). Please provide a bank statement or bank letter with account balance. These documents should be your name, in English, no more than 3 months old and state the currency. You do not need to submit a Financial Support Form.



FINANCIAL SUPPORT FORM

Each sponsor must complete and sign this form, as well as provide proof of the available funds indicated below (i.e., bank account). **The documents acceptable to prove your financial sponsorship must be: Less than 6 months old, In English (or translated into English), Name clearly stated, Type of currency.** We do NOT accept company bank statements.

PART 1: AFFIDAVIT OF SUPPORT

I hereby certify that I am willing, able, and committed to provide (name of student)_____ a total of US\$_____ per semester/year for all the expenses during the student's study at Seton Hall University. Documentation of my financial resources is attached.

PART 2: SPONSOR INFORMATION

My relationship to the student is: Parent(s) Sibling(s) Relative(s) Friend(s)

Surname/Last Name:

Primary/First Name:

Sponsor's Address:

Street Address:

Apartment/Unit #:

City:

Province:

Postal Code:

Country:

Phone:

Email:

PART 3: SPONSOR EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION – (Submit one of the income documents below)

Name of my employer:

Annual Salary (U.S.D.):

Other Income (U.S.D.):

I have attached one of the following required documents:

Pay Stub

Employment Letter (on letterhead)

Tax Return

Self-employment Letter

PART 4: FINANCIAL SUPPORT

I promise that for each year of his/her program of study, I will provide the finances written on this form.

Sponsor 1: By checking this box, I agree to the terms and conditions of this application.

E-Signature of
Sponsor 1

By typing your name, you electronically sign this application

Date
(month/day/year)



HOUSING SUPPORT FORM

The purpose of this form is to verify that the student will not have any living expenses during their studies. The person(s) who owns or rents the property where the student will reside should sign this form. If more than one person is named on the documents you are submitting, please make sure both people sign below.

Please attach proof of address along with this form, using one of the following documents:

- Lease or Deed Document - Utility Bill - Driver's License - Bank Statement

PART I: AFFIDAVIT OF SUPPORT

I promise that for each semester of his/her program of study, the student, _____ will live free of any charge WITH ME in my home. I promise that I will not require any type of service(s) to be performed in exchange for this benefit. I am aware of how many semesters the student intends to study at Seton Hall University.

Last Name

First Name

Signature

Date

PART II: SPONSOR INFORMATION

My relationship to the student is

Phone

Email

My Home Address where the student will be living:

Street Address

Apartment/Unit #

City

State

Zip Code

I currently own rent this property.

PART III: SIGNATURE

I certify that the information I have provided above is true and correct.

Signature of
Sponsor

Date