



ADMISSIONS REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

When requesting an I-20 or DS-2019 from TCU, applicants must submit the following to their admissions office:

- A completed Visa Request Form
- Financial support documents showing proof of sufficient funding to cover all educational costs and living expenses for the full length of your academic program – at least two years for a master’s program and four to five years for a doctoral program.
- A legible copy of the biographical page of your passport, with the expiration date.

Applicant’s currently in the U.S. must also submit the following:

- A legible copy of the front and back page of your I-94.
- If you are on F-1 Optional Practical Training, your employment authorization card.
- If you are or were in F or J status within the past year, copies of your I-20 or DS-2019.

Once all documents have been submitted to the admissions office, the department should submit the following to the International Services Office:

- **Completed Visa Request Form**
- **Admit Letter**
- **Award Letter**
- **Any Financial Support Documents**
- **Admissions Application**

FUNDING SOURCES

There are various funding sources you can use while you study at TCU. Each requires different documents to be submitted and all of these documents must:

- Be in English.
- Indicate the currency of the funds.
- Have an issue date that is no more than 12 months from the time you plan to begin study.

Self-Support

If you are using personal funds as your sole source of support, you must have sufficient funds for the entire length of your program. Your funds must be in cash (e.g., checking or savings accounts) and not subject to withdrawal restrictions. Funding in stocks and other long-term investments will not be accepted. If you do not have sufficient funds for the entire duration of your program, a sponsor must agree to provide support for the remaining amount.

Financial Support Documents

- Bank statement with the bank’s address and phone number, indicating the date the account was opened and the current account balance.
- Bank statements may include checking or savings accounts, certificates of deposit or money market accounts. Your full legal name (as listed on your passport) must be included on the document.



Family/Individual Sponsor

If a family member or other individual will provide your funding, your sponsor does not need to show funding for the entire length of your program. Instead, your sponsor must have sufficient funds for at least the first year of your program. These funds must be in cash (e.g., checking or savings accounts) and not subject to withdrawal restrictions.

If your sponsor currently has funds for just the first year, your sponsor should also submit documents showing the means of support for the subsequent years.

Financial Support Documents

- For the first year of study, a bank statement with the bank's address and phone number, indicating the date the account was opened and the current account balance.
- Bank statements may include checking or savings accounts, certificates of deposit or money market accounts.
- For each subsequent year, wage statements, statements of the value of holdings of the sponsor, investment account statements or other documents that provide credible evidence of the availability of funds.
- Sponsors who are living in the U.S. and are not U.S. citizens must provide copies of the immigration papers (I-94 and visa stamp), as well as a copy of the biographical page of their passport, with the passport expiration date.

Government/Agency Sponsor

If your sponsor is your government or an official agency, your sponsor must indicate the exact amount of the funding (including the monthly or yearly amount for living expenses) and the duration of your award. If the amount of the award is less than the amount indicated on the Visa Request form, you must have your own funding or funding from another sponsor to meet the required amount.

Financial Support Documents

- Letter of support indicating the dollar amount awarded and the duration and any conditions of the sponsorship.

Funding from TCU

If you are offered funding from TCU, the university will provide you a letter detailing the exact amount of funding that you are being awarded. If the funding is sufficient to cover all of the expenses for the duration of your program, you will not be required to submit additional proof of funding. If the funding package is less than the full amount, you must have your own funding or funding from another sponsor to make up the difference. Please note that a completed Visa Request form is required even if you are being fully funded by TCU.

Financial Support Documents

- Copy of the official letter of support indicating the dollar amount awarded and the duration of the sponsorship.