

# BOSTON COLLEGE EXCHANGE STUDENT

## Declaration and Certification (DCF) of Finances Form Semester 2012-2013

In accordance with U.S. government regulations, Boston College cannot provide a Certificate of Eligibility form (I-20 for an F-1 student visa or DS-2019 for a J-1 Exchange Visitor visa) until you submit evidence that you have sufficient financial resources to meet your expenses while studying in the U.S. Students usually satisfy the financial requirement through some combination of personal/family resources, support from their home governments or other sources. In computing expenses, you should remember that students holding the Student (F-1) or Exchange Visitor (J-1) visas have VERY limited work opportunities. **Therefore, the applicant should not look to employment, either part-time during the academic year or full-time during the summer, as a means of support while at Boston College.** In addition, spouses who accompany students to the U.S. on the F-2 visa are not permitted to accept any kind of paid employment in the U.S. We are keenly aware that the financial requirement may pose serious difficulties for many international students, but unfortunately, the university has no alternative in this matter. We sincerely hope that this will not prove to be a barrier to your pursuit of study here.

### Students currently in the United States:

- If you are currently attending or have just recently attended a U.S. school in F-1 student status, you must complete this form AND complete the "Transfer of F-1 Status to Boston College" form. Your I-20 must be transferred from your current school within 60 days after you completion of studies. The form can be found at [www.bc.edu/oiss](http://www.bc.edu/oiss) under "forms".
- If you hold another visa status (J-2, F-2, H-4 etc.) please send documentation showing your current status and contact the Office of International Students and Scholars (see contact info below) to determine if you will need to change your immigration status. *Note: Students in B-1 or B-2 (tourist) status and F-2 students are NOT allowed to study in a degree program and must change their status before beginning their studies.*

### Directions for completing the Declaration of Finances (DCF) Form

1. Complete the enclosed Declaration of Finances form.
2. Enclose a copy of the biographical page of your passport.
3. Enclose supporting documentation for the total estimate of student expenses detailed below.\* You must provide **ORIGINAL bank statement(s)** on bank stationery. The bank statement(s) should include
  - Confirmation of the necessary funds in ENGLISH. You can subtract any funds that you are receiving from Boston College from this amount. (Example: If you are receiving a \$5,000 scholarship, you must provide proof of \$5,442). *Note: If you are receiving assistance from BC, the OIP will provide proof of your scholarship to the Office of International Student and Scholars. You do not have to send a copy of this letter.*
  - The name and address of the bank, the date of the letter (date must RECENT); and a signature and title of a bank official. The sponsor's name must appear on the statement and they should sign part 3 of the DCF form. If you have more than one sponsor, please include a letters from additional sponsors on a separate piece of paper.
4. Make copies of this form and the required certification documents before returning them to Boston College as you will need to show proof of funding to the U.S. consular officers when applying for a visa.

\* Estimate of Student Expenses for Fall 2012/Spring 2013 semester:

Tuition and Fees	\$ 21
Room and Board	6,596
Books and Supplies	819
Medical Insurance	951
Personal Expenses	2,348
Health Services	229
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$10,964</b>

Once we receive all of the necessary documentation, please allow at least 2-3 weeks for your immigration form to be processed. If you have any questions about the above information please contact Meg Popick in the Office of International Students and Scholars at [popickm@bc.edu](mailto:popickm@bc.edu) or 617 552 8005.

Please Send the Enclosed Form and Required Documents To:

Esther Messing  
Office of International Programs  
Hovey House  
Boston College  
Chestnut Hill, MA 02467

**BOSTON COLLEGE - SEMESTER  
CONFIDENTIAL DECLARATION & CERTIFICATION OF FINANCES FORM  
FOR INTERNATIONAL APPLICANTS**

The purpose of this form is to certify that you will have the sum of **\$10,964** for your semester of study at Boston College, *exclusive of travel expenses*, and to obtain biographical and immigration information for you and your dependents who will be accompanying you to the U.S. A **Certificate of Eligibility (Form I-20 for an F-1 Visa or Form DS2019 for a J-1 Exchange Visitor Visa)** and immigration forms for dependents who plan to accompany you to the U.S will not be issued unless this form is completed and the necessary certifications are obtained.

**PART 1: STUDENT INFORMATION To be completed by ALL NON U.S. citizens/Permanent Residents.  
Please submit a copy of your passport identification page along with this document**

Program of study: EXCHANGE Program start date:  Fall 2012  Spring 2013

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Family Name First Name Middle Name or Initial (not required)

Male  Female Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
Month/Day/Year City, Country

Country of citizenship \_\_\_\_\_ Country of permanent residence \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Address:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Permanent/Home International Address:

(non-U.S. address; **must** be provided in **all cases**, even if you are currently on a U.S. visa and living in the U.S.):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address for Immigration Forms (Provide best address for express mailing; i.e., **NO P.O. BOXES**)

Same as current address provided in Part I. OR Provide different address:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**If you are currently in the United States:** Current Visa Status: \_\_\_\_\_ Valid until: \_\_\_\_\_

(For example: F-1 student, J-1 Exchange Visitor, B-2 Tourist, H-1 Temporary worker, F-2 or J-2 dependent)

**Please attach copies of relevant immigration documents showing your status and contact Meg Popick at the Office of International Students and Scholars at [popickm@bc.edu](mailto:popickm@bc.edu) or 617 552 8005 as soon as possible to determine if you will need to change your status. If it is determined that you do NOT need to change to F-1 or J-1 status you do not have to complete Part 2 and 3.**

**F-1 or J-1 students currently attending or have just recently attended a U.S school:**

Name of U.S. School: \_\_\_\_\_ Dates attended: \_\_\_\_\_

You will also be required to complete a "Form for Transfer of F-1 Status to Boston College". The form can be found at [www.bc.edu/oiss](http://www.bc.edu/oiss) under the "forms" section. Note that you must have your I-20 form transferred to Boston College within 60 days of completing your program at your former school.



<b>PERSONAL SAVINGS**</b>				
An official letter from a bank, and a parent's or sponsor's signature is required on the certification below if the student is supported in part or whole by personal savings. See instructions below	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>YOUR GOVERNMENT</b> - Please print name of agency _____ Enclose with this form an original signed copy of your letter of award and a translation, if necessary	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>BOSTON COLLEGE</b> Type of award: _____ _____	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>OTHER</b> -Please specify:	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>TOTAL</b> - Each of these totals should equal the estimate of costs for one year as shown on the Declaration of Finances Info Sheet.	\$ 10,964	\$	\$	\$

NOT APPLICABLE

Enter the total amount of money you expect to have when you arrive at this institution: U.S.\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*OFFICIAL CERTIFICATION OF SOURCES OF FUNDS AND AMOUNTS FOR PERSONAL SAVINGS**  
You should obtain an ORIGINAL letter on bank stationery which indicates availability of the necessary funds in English. The sponsor's name must appear on the statement and they should sign part 3 of the DCF form. If you have more than one sponsor, please include a letters from additional sponsors on a separate piece of paper.

**GUARANTOR'S SIGNATURE**

This is to certify that I have read the information furnished by the applicant on this form, that it is a true and accurate statement, and that the funds are available and will be provided as indicated.

Guarantor's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Guarantor's Name (printed) \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship of Guarantor to applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that all statements on this form are true and that the stated funds in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ are available for my educational expenses while at Boston College.

STUDENTS SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_