

BOSTON COLLEGE
GRADUATE SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Declaration and Certification (DCF) of Finances Form 2011-2012

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, and assistance from Boston College. 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 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 aware that the financial requirement may pose serious difficulties for many international students, but unfortunately, the university has no alternative in this matter.

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 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 information 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.*

Checklist for completing the Declaration of Finances (DCF) Form

- Complete the enclosed Declaration of Finances form. Please type form (the PDF is fillable) and then print and sign.
- Enclose a copy of the biographical page of your passport (if available)
- Enclose supporting documentation for the total estimate of student expenses of **\$52,408** (see part 3 for details). You must provide **ORIGINAL bank statement(s)** on bank stationery.* The bank statement(s) should include:
 - Confirmation of the necessary funds for the FIRST year of study in ENGLISH. You can subtract any funds that you are receiving from Boston College from this amount. (Example: If you are receiving a 10,000 scholarship, you must only provide proof of \$42,408). *Note: If you are receiving assistance from BC, the admissions office 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 letter from additional sponsors on a separate piece of paper.

Note: If you are receiving **full tuition remission AND a stipend of **MORE than \$20,400** you **DO NOT** need to send the original bank documents or the original DCF. You can fax the DCF form to 617 552 3700 or email it to gsainfo@bc.edu*

- 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. **If you need any of your original letters or bank statements sent back to you for the visa interview please attach a request with the DCF.**
- For students currently living in the U.S. ONLY: "Transfer of F-1 Status to Boston College" if you are currently attending a U.S. university or are using your Optional Practical Training or proof of visa status if you hold a different visa (see above).
- Mail ALL required documents to the Admissions Office:

Boston College Graduate School of Arts & Sciences
Admissions Office, McGuinn Hall Rm 501
140 Commonwealth Avenue
Chestnut Hill, MA 02467-3807

Once we receive ALL of the necessary documentation, please allow 3 weeks for your immigration form to be processed and returned back to you by express mail. **DO NOT make a U.S. visa appointment until you have received your immigration form.** If you have any questions about the above information please contact Susan Shea in the Office of International Students and Scholars at sheasc@bc.edu or 617 552 8005.

**BOSTON COLLEGE – GRADUATE SCHOOL OF ARTS & SCIENCES
CONFIDENTIAL DECLARATION & CERTIFICATION OF FINANCES 2011-2012**

**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 information: Field of Study _____ M.A. PhD

Family Name: _____ Given Name: _____ Middle: (optional) _____

Male Female Birth Date: _____ Place of Birth _____
Month/Day/Year City, Country

Country of citizenship _____ Country of permanent residence _____

Email address: _____ Telephone: _____

Current Address:

Name: _____

Line 1: _____

Line 2: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Country: _____

Permanent/Home International Address: (non-U.S. address; **must** be provided in **all cases**.)

Name: _____

Line 1: _____

Line 2: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Country: _____

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

Same as current address provided above OR Provide different address:

Name: _____

Line 1: _____

Line 2: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Country: _____

Confirm telephone number to be used for any express courier inquiries: _____

If you are currently in the United States: (For example: F-1 student, J-1 Exchange Visitor, B-2 Tourist, H-1B, F-2 or J-2 dependent)

Current Visa Status: _____ Valid until: _____

Please attach copies of relevant immigration documents showing your status and contact Susan Shea at the Office of International Students at sheasc@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.

Are planning to travel outside the U.S. before your program? No Yes If yes, dates: _____ to _____

F-1 or J-1 students currently attending or have just recently attended a U.S school: (includes Practical Training)

Name of U.S. School: _____ Dates attended: _____ to _____ 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 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.

PART 2: DEPENDENT INFORMATION (Fill out requested information for each dependent who will be accompanying you to the U.S.; if you need additional space, please make copies of this page.)

I am not married I am married

My spouse will NOT accompany me OR My spouse will accompany me (complete information below)

My children will NOT accompany me OR My children will accompany me (complete information below)

Note: If your spouse will accompany you to the U.S., add \$5,000 to the figure which you are required to certify. If your children will accompany you to the U.S., add an extra \$3,000 per child.

Family Name: _____ Given Name: _____ Middle Name: _____
(Optional)

Male Female Dependent is my: Spouse or Child

Birth Date _____ Place of Birth _____
Month/Day/Year City, Country

Country of citizenship _____ Country of permanent residence _____

If dependent is currently living in the U.S., provide CURRENT visa status? _____

My dependent will have their own visa status while in the U.S. (example: F-1, H1B worker)

Family Name: _____ Given Name: _____ Middle Name: _____
(Optional)

Male Female Dependent is my: Spouse or Child

Birth Date _____ Place of Birth _____
Month/Day/Year City, Country

Country of citizenship _____ Country of permanent residence _____

If dependent is currently living in the U.S., provide CURRENT visa status? _____

My dependent will have their own visa status while in the U.S. (example: F-1, H1B worker)

Family Name: _____ Given Name: _____ Middle Name: _____
As appears on passport Family Name (Optional)

Male Female Dependent is my: Spouse or Child

Birth Date _____ Place of Birth _____
Month/Day/Year City, Country

Country of citizenship _____ Country of permanent residence _____

If dependent is currently living in the U.S., provide CURRENT visa status? _____

My dependent will have their own visa status while in the U.S. (example: F-1, H1B worker)

PART 3: SOURCES OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT:

The purpose of part 3 is to certify that you will have the sum of **\$52,408** for your first year of study at Boston College, exclusive of travel expenses. Complete the appropriate boxes to show sources and amounts of anticipated contributions to your educational and personal expenses while you are in the United States. *Note: Although you are only required to provide evidence of the **FIRST** year of expenses, keep in mind that you will be responsible for the entire length of your program and those who are in a program of more than one year will be required to submit an updated financial certification annually.*

Student Expenses for the 2011-2012 Academic Year:

Tuition and Fees	\$29,908 (\$1,242 per credit plus \$100 in fees)*
Room and Board	\$10,100
Books and Supplies	\$1,500
Medical Insurance	\$2,100 (paid for by BC if you have an assistantship)
Personal Expenses	\$4,400
Summer living	\$4,300
TOTAL	\$ 52,408

Sources of Funds	(Required)	(Planning Purposes ONLY)			
	First Year	Second Year	Third Year	Fourth Year	Fifth Year
Personal Savings ** Enclose original documentation	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Your Government: Name of agency: _____ Enclose an original signed copy of your award with a translation if necessary	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Boston College: Type of award: _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Other: (Please specify): _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Total: Totals should equal the estimate of costs for at least one year	\$52,408	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____

** You should obtain an ORIGINAL letter on bank stationery which indicates availability of the necessary funds for the FIRST year of study in English (or with a translation). If you are not self-sponsored, your sponsor's name must appear on the statement and they should sign below. If you have more than one sponsor, include a letters from sponsors on a separate piece of paper.

GUARANTOR'S SIGNATURE (If not self-sponsored):

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 Name : _____ Relationship to Applicant: _____

Country of Residence: _____ Email Address: _____

Guarantor's Signature: (please sign) _____ Date _____

REQUIRED STUDENT SIGNATURE: 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. Although I am required to show financial support for one year, I understand that I am expected to pay for my entire course of study.

STUDENTS SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____