



FINANCIAL STATEMENT CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY FOR 2026-2027

I-20 (F-1 STUDENTS)

GRADUATE STUDIES – PHD IN INTEGRATED BIOSCIENCES

CONGRATULATIONS on being admitted to North Carolina Central University (NCCU). In order to be issued an I-20, all F-1 international applicants must provide certification of financial resources to pay tuition and fees, living expenses, books, medical insurance and personal needs for themselves and their dependent family members (if any) for the duration of their stay or proposed study (**5-6 year PhD degree**).

Please read and follow the directions provided in this form. Incomplete or incorrect information will delay and/or prevent the issuance of an I-20. All sections of this form must be completed. After we receive and review your Financial Statement Certificate of Eligibility and financial documentation, a final decision will be made. Once your documents have been certified for I-20 issuance, an I-20 and pre-arrival information will be provided to you.

STUDENT PERSONAL INFORMATION (Provide a copy of your passport biographical page for accuracy of your I-20 document) **PLEASE TYPE**

Legal name as printed on passport: _____

Family Name (surname)

Given Name (first name)

Middle

Date of Birth: _____ Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female Marital Status: ☐ Single ☐ Married

Month

Day

Year

Country of Birth: _____ City of Birth: _____

Country of Citizenship: _____ Country of Permanent Residence: _____

PROPOSED FIELD OF STUDY AT NCCU (MAJOR): _____ **2ND MAJOR:** _____ **MINOR:** _____**STUDENT CONTACT INFORMATION**

Telephone Number in Home Country: _____ E-Mail: _____

(Primary method of contact)

Permanent Residence Address: (For purposes of creating a SEVIS record for you, you must provide your permanent address in your home country even if you are currently residing in the U.S. An I-20 cannot be prepared without one.)

Home Address: _____

City: _____ Province/Territory: _____

Postal Code: _____ Country: _____

TRANSFER STUDENTS AND STUDENTS CHANGING TO F-1 STATUS FROM ANOTHER STATUS WHILE IN THE U.S.

US Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip Code: _____ United States Telephone Number: _____

SEVIS Identification Number: N _____ (if currently attending school in the United States in F or J status)

REQUIRED VISA INFORMATION (Please check all applicable boxes):

- ☐ I am requesting an I-20 for an F-1 Student Visa to enter the United States to study at North Carolina Central University.
- ☐ I am in F-1 student status and want to transfer to North Carolina Central University. Attach a copy of your (1) signed and dated copy(ies) of the Certificate of Eligibility (I-20) from your current and any previous schools, if applicable (all pages of form I-20 are required), (2) I-94 Arrival/Departure Record (card or printout), (3) valid passport copy, (4) F-1 visa page including the most recent entry stamp in the passport booklet, (5) if on OPT, a front and back copy of the EAD card.
- ☐ I am currently in the United States. What is your current visa status? _____ (Attach a copy of your immigration documents).
- ☐ I am planning to travel outside of the US and apply for an F-1 visa at a U.S. embassy.
- ☐ I am applying for a change of status.

***Individuals with B1/B2 status cannot study in the United States until they receive a change of status.**

DEPENDENT INFORMATION

Please check one: ☐ I plan to come alone; ☐ My family will join me later; ☐ I plan to bring the following dependents with me:

List the name of each family member traveling with you. (Include a copy of passport for each family member)

Last Name	Given Name	Middle	Date of Birth Month Day Year	Relationship	Country of Birth	Country of Citizenship	Gender: Male/Female

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

As a single student, you are required to certify that you have a minimum of **\$49,421** on deposit for the first year of study. If you are relying on a sponsor for support, the sponsor must provide proof that he/she has at least **\$49,421** on deposit and certify full support for the duration of your program. You must show source of support for the full expected term of study at NCCU, even if you hope to finish in less time. A student who plans to study in the United States (US) in the summer will need approximately \$7,000 for the three-month period.

Please note that international students are not eligible for financial aid or student loans. International students are responsible for all costs associated with their study in the U.S. (tuition, fees, books, and living expenses) even if a sponsor is delinquent with his or her financial support. Also note that any type of scholarships, fellowships, or assistantships received that are above and beyond tuition, fees and books are subject to a 14% tax withholding as required by the U.S. Federal Government and will be applied to your student bill each semester.

Tuition and fees must be paid in full to the NCCU Cashier's Office by the start of classes. Tuition and fees are subject to change without notification. You should maintain an original set of documents for your interview with the U.S. Consulate or Embassy in your country.

ESTIMATED EXPENSES FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2025 – 2026 (Fall and Spring Semesters) Costs are subject to increase.

Graduate Students	Non - Residents
Tuition and Fees (Out-of-State tuition)	20,980
Accident & Sickness Insurance	2,412
Books and supplies	2,000
Room & Board	14,656
Personal	9,373
Total	49,421

GUIDELINES FOR FINANCIAL DOCUMENTATION

- Financial documentation requested must be sent at the time of application for admission, be clear and readable.
- Total funding in the table below must **match** or **exceed** the estimated expenses as listed above of **\$49,421**.
- All bank statements must show the currency (if a non-U.S. bank statement), that funds are currently available, and the date of issuance must be within 6 months from the application receipt date at NCCU.
- Financial documents provided should be in English or accompanied by an official English translation.
- Financial documentation should be shown in liquid assets such as checking, savings, deposit accounts. Property, retirement accounts and or stocks may not be used for financial documentation.
- If any funds are being provided by a sponsor, the sponsor must complete the Affidavit of Sponsorship form.
- If personal funds are being used, bank statements must be submitted in the student's name and must show funds for the full-term of his/her program (i.e. 4 years for an undergraduate program, 2-3 years for a graduate program), including support of dependents, if any, not just the first year.

Fill in the total amount of funds available to you for each academic year of study here \$_____.

List the amount of funds being provided to you according to funding source where indicated in the table the below:

Source of Funding	Required Financial Documentation	Amount of Funds (List amount per funding source)
Scholarship (From North Carolina Central University)	If a student is receiving a scholarship from NCCU, an official award letter on letterhead must be provided. Scholarship letters for graduate programs must come from the Graduate Studies Office. Scholarship letters for athletes must come from Athletics with a signature by the Director of Athletics. Letters should include: • F-1 student's name • Academic program • Effective start date and end date of the funds awarded • Sponsors name and signature providing the funds • Amount of the funds being awarded to student • Full scholarships should indicate provision of tuition, fees, insurance, room and board, books and other personal expenses; partial scholarships should indicate specific fees to be awarded. If the award does not cover the total expenses listed in the Estimated Expenses, you must show proof of funding that covers the remaining expenses.	
Government	Students receiving financial support from their country's government should provide an official letter that includes: • F-1 student's name • Academic program • Effective start date and end date of the funds awarded • Sponsor's name and signature providing the funds • Amount of the funds being awarded to student and that it is valid specifically for attendance at North Carolina Central University	
Company Sponsorship	• A completed Affidavit of Support form by the CEO, owner or president, indicating that they are providing financial support for the student, • A copy of the business registration or license for the company • Financial documentation showing that they have the funds to support the student for the duration of study	
Sponsor (Parent/Relative or Other Personal Sponsors)	• A completed Affidavit of Support. Each sponsor must complete this form if student has more than one sponsor. • A current official bank statement on bank letterhead signed, notarized or stamped by a bank official. The date of issuance must be within 6 months from the application receipt date at NCCU. Statement must indicate the current balance of account, name on account and date amount of funds available for support.	
Personal Funds (Student's Personal Funds)	• Student must provide 3 months of most recent official bank statements on official bank letterhead in the student's name as the account holder and indicating statement date and signed, notarized or stamped by a bank official. The date of issuance must be within 6 months from the application receipt date at NCCU and show sufficient funds available to cover tuition, fees, insurance and living expenses for all years of study.	
Free Room and Board from a Sponsor	• A completed Affidavit of Support for Free Room and Board by sponsor with whom you will live. • Proof of the address in name of the sponsor (copy of lease, mortgage, utility bill, ID listing the address where student will live with sponsor).	
ADD UP TOTAL FUNDING FROM ALL SOURCES HERE		

HEALTH INSURANCE

North Carolina Central University requires all degree-seeking students registered for six or more credit hours to be enrolled in a health insurance plan and the fee for medical insurance coverage under the university's policy through Blue Cross Blue Shield is included in the cost of tuition. Students with their own plan may waive out of the plan if they are able show evidence of an existing creditable coverage health insurance policy.

EMPLOYMENT

You should not expect employment, either part-time or during the summers, to be a significant source of financial support. There are NO guarantees of campus employment opportunities, including assistantships through academic departments. Note that there are certain restrictions on employment by international students.

DEPENDENTS

If you are married and plan to bring your spouse and/or children under 21 years old, you must certify an additional amount of \$7,000 for your spouse and \$5,000 for each child per year. Each family member will receive an I-20 to apply for F-2 status. Family members in F-2 status are not permitted to work under any circumstances.

TRANSFERRING

Students who intend to transfer their F-1 to NCCU from another U.S. college/university must follow the above financial certification process. After eligibility for an I-20 has been determined, students will be asked to complete and submit an F-1 Student Visa Transfer Clearance Form signed by your

current international student advisor with a release date for SEVIS to the Office of International Affairs. **The transfer process must be completed at least 15 days before the first day of classes at NCCU.**

If you are in F-1 status and plan to leave the United States, you must re-enter with a valid F-1 visa before you can begin your program of study at NCCU. Please contact the Office of International Affairs at oiasss@nccu.edu.

OTHER NOTES:

Do not enter the United States on a B1/B2 visa to pursue a course of study. If you do not have enough time to get an F-1 visa, defer your admission.

Do not enter United States more than 30 days before your report date listed on your I-20.

SOURCE OF FUNDING INFORMATION AND CERTIFICATION

LIST ALL OF YOUR SOURCES OF FUNDING BELOW. If funding is being provided by a sponsor, please include sponsor’s name here (or each name for multiple sponsors) and have your sponsor complete the Affidavit of Support form.

- (1) _____
- (2) _____
- (3) _____

I certify that all the information that I have provided in this document and supporting documentation is true and correct. I am fully aware that any false or misleading information will result in denial of admission or cancellation of registration following enrollment.

Student’s Signature _____ **Date** _____

REMINDER: Student Signature Required. Provide all documents at the time of submission.

Once the Office of International Affairs has reviewed and approved your financial documents, your I-20 will be processed and issued to you by email.

Please return this form and supporting documents to:

Office of Graduate Studies
North Carolina Central University
1801 Fayetteville Street
Room 123 Taylor Education Building
Durham, North Carolina 27707

OR Email to gradadmissions@nccu.edu