

Certificate of Eligibility (Form I-20) Application Instructions

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F-1 Student Visa & Certificate of Eligibility (Form I-20)

The F-1 visa is the most common student visa type and is issued to students who are admitted to a full-time academic or language program at a US institution. Fuller ISO issues Form I-20s, the official three-page document that is endorsed by a designated school official, to admitted students. Once students receive their Form I-20, they can apply for the F-1 visa at a [US embassy/consulate](#) in their home country. For questions regarding the I-20 issuance, please contact iso@fuller.edu.

Certificate of Eligibility (Form I-20) Application:

Please read these instructions carefully before beginning the I-20 Application. Incorrect or incomplete information may lead to processing delays and/or the denial of a student visa.

- * A Certificate of Eligibility (Form I-20) is only issued to students who have been accepted to Fuller Theological Seminary as a student in a degree or eligible certificate program
- * Completion of this form does not guarantee Certificate of Eligibility (Form I-20) issuance
- * The International Services Office (ISO) cannot process your request until you have submitted financial documents demonstrating your ability to finance your studies
- * Complete the Certificate of Eligibility (Form I-20) Application and submit via the ISO Dropbox (<https://fuller.tfaforms.net/218124>)
- * Submit a complete Certificate of Eligibility Application as early as 4 months prior to your program start date (refer to Checklist on Page 3)
- * Deadline to submit a complete I-20 application is 2.5 months before the start date of the quarter
- * I-20 processing time will take between 2-4 weeks after submission

Instructions for Completing the Certificate of Eligibility (Form I-20) Application:

Important: In order to complete this application, you must download this document and open it with free Adobe Reader.

- * Part 1-8: Fill out information exactly as it appears on your passport
- * Part 9: Fill your permanent address (your address in your home country), **CANNOT be a Post Office Box**
- * Part 10: Fill your mailing address (where you would like your Form I-20 sent)
- * Part 11: Fill out information exactly as it appears on your dependents' passport
- * Part 12: Click the reason for submitting the I-20 request form (Initial, Change of Status, Transfer, or others)
- * Part 13: Select the Degree sought at Fuller

- * Part 14: Have you started your degree online? What Program? How many units have you completed?
- * Part 15: Click the quarter you wish to start your program in the United States
- * Part 16: Fill out the information if you are coming to Fuller for intensive courses- Write down the start and end dates of the class(s) you are planning to take (if applicable)
- * Part 17: Calculate the amounts of funding required for I-20 requests
 - U.S. regulations require that international students demonstrate sufficient funds to cover tuition, fees, living expenses, and student health insurance for themselves and any dependents. Proof of funding is required for one academic year, but F-1 students must maintain adequate resources for the entire program. Inability to register for future quarters may affect F-1 status and, if not resolved, may require departure from the United States.
 - All F-1 students are required to enroll in Fuller's student health insurance plan.
 - For the purpose of issuing a Certificate of Eligibility, F-1 students must verify funds for one year of studies and access to sufficient funds to cover subsequent years.
- * Part 18: Fill out the amount for your source of funding
 - If you are supporting yourself, provide a bank statement written or translated into English verifying that you have the stated funds
 - If you will be supported by someone other than yourself, each person or organization providing financial support must complete a Confidential Declaration of Financial Support (DFS)
 - If you are receiving a scholarship, government grant, government loan, or a private bank loan, submit your award letter in lieu of the DFS and bank statement
 - Each DFS must be accompanied by financial documents written or translated into English verifying sufficient funds to fulfill stated financial commitment
 - Acceptable financial documents:
 - Bank statement issued within the last 3 months from the submission date (written or translated into English with USD equivalent)
 - Letter from a bank on official letterhead signed by an authorized bank official (written or translated into English with USD equivalent)
 - Unacceptable financial documents:
 - Tax statements
 - Proof of property ownership
 - Retirement account
 - Stocks
 - Insurance policies
 - Totals for Part 18 should match or exceed total in Part 17
- * Sign and date at the bottom



Certificate of Eligibility (Form I-20) Application Checklist

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- **Complete I-20 application form**
(applicant and all accompanying dependents - spouse and unmarried children under the age of 21)
- **Copy of passport biographic page**
(must be valid for at least six months beyond your period of stay in the U.S.)
- **Financial document(s)**
(issued within the last 3 months from the submission date with USD equivalent)
- **Confidential Declaration of Financial Support**
(if applicable)
- **Submit documents**
(all documents must be submitted via the ISO Dropbox: <https://fuller.tfaforms.net/218124>)

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Annual Estimated Cost Sheet

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FALL 2026 – SUMMER 2027

Use the amounts below to complete the ESTIMATED MINIMUM COSTS section of the *I-20 Application*. Please note that this information is valid until the Summer 2027 quarter and is subject to change at any time. If applying for the 2027-2028 academic year (Fall 2027 – Summer 2028), please contact the *International Services Office* after **March 15, 2027** for updated amounts.

1 First Year Tuition (includes tuition, fees, and estimated book costs)

School of Mission and Theology (SMT)

	Residential or Low-Residential	First Year Tuition
MDiv (Pasadena MDiv Cohort)	Residential	US \$23,660
ThM in Intercultural Studies	Residential	US \$20,790
ThM in Theology	Residential	US \$25,800
PhD in Intercultural Studies (residential, 21 units)	Residential	US \$20,505
PhD in Intercultural Studies (intensive, 7 units)	Low-Residential	US \$7,275 (per quarter)
KPhD in Intercultural Theology (residential, 21 units)	Residential	US \$20,505
KPhD in Intercultural Theology (intensive, 7 units)	Low-Residential	US \$7,275 (per quarter)
PhD in Theology (residential, 18 units)	Residential	US \$17,670
PhD in Theology (intensive, 7 units)	Low-Residential	US \$7,275 (per quarter)
DGL(4-unit course)	Low-Residential	US \$3,400
DMin (4-unit course)	Low-Residential	US \$2,960
KDMIN (Korean Program)	Residential	US \$14,460

School of Psychology & Marriage and Family Therapy (SOPMFT)

	Residential or Low-Residential	Annual Tuition
MSMFT	Residential	US \$28,580
PsyD	Residential	US \$44,960
PhD	Residential	US \$43,340

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2 Annual living cost for self

Residential programs (Pasadena)	US \$46,440
Fuller-sponsored Student Health Insurance*	US \$5,774
Low-Residential programs	US \$2,500

3 Annual living cost for spouse

Residential programs (Pasadena)	US \$11,406
Fuller-sponsored Student Health Insurance*	US \$5,774
Low-Residential programs	US \$400

4 Annual living cost for 1 child

Residential programs (Pasadena)	US \$4,270
Fuller-sponsored Student Health Insurance*	US \$5,774
Low-Residential programs	US \$300

5 Annual living cost for 2 children

Residential programs (Pasadena)	US \$15,451
Fuller-sponsored Student Health Insurance*	US \$11,548
Low-Residential programs	US \$600

6 Annual living cost for 3 children

Residential programs (Pasadena)	US \$28,966
Fuller-sponsored Student Health Insurance*	US \$11,548
Low-Residential programs	US \$900

7 Annual living cost for 4 children

Residential programs (Pasadena)	US \$38,826
Fuller-sponsored Student Health Insurance*	US \$11,548
Low-Residential programs	US \$1,200

8 Annual living cost for 5 children

Residential programs (Pasadena)	US \$52,477
Fuller-sponsored Student Health Insurance*	US \$11,548
Low-Residential programs	US \$1,500

Living expenses include average rent for [Fuller Student Housing](#) as well as estimated costs for food, utilities, transportation, parking, and personal/miscellaneous purchases.

It is assumed students and their families will rent the following types of housing units:

- Studio unit for students living alone
- Studio unit for married couples
- 1 bedroom unit for students living with or without a spouse and 1 child
- 2 bedroom unit for students living with or without a spouse and 2-3 children
- 3 bedroom unit for students living with or without a spouse and 4-5 children

* International students applying for F-1 and J-1 visas, including J-2 dependents, are required to enroll in the Student Health Insurance (SHI) plan. Enrollment is mandatory while residing in the United States, including during vacation periods. Please be advised that students are prohibited from enrolling in or using state- or federally-sponsored programs or government resources, including Medi-Cal insurance under Covered California. Participation in these programs may be considered under public charge rules and could impact a future visa application or immigration status

*The costs for the Fuller-sponsored Student Health Insurance referenced above represent **proposed rates** for the 2026-2027 academic year and are subject to change. In addition, these rates do increase annually; therefore, the fees are also included in the Cost of Attendance, and enrollment in the plan will remain a requirement regardless of cost increases. Please visit Fuller's [Student Health Insurance website](#) for more information.*

*In addition to medical coverage, students may purchase **optional** dental coverage each year for approximately \$255.*



I-20 Request Form

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1	Student Number	G
2	Family Name (Last Name)	
3	First Name (Given Name)	
4	Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)	
5	Gender	Male Female
6	City of Birth	
7	Country of Birth	
8	Country of Citizenship	
9	Foreign Address (Permanent Address) (CANNOT be a Post Office Box)	1. Street: _____ 2. City: _____ 3. State/Province: _____ 4. Postal/Zip Code: _____ 5. Country: _____ 6. Phone: _____ 7. Email: _____
10	Mailing Address (Where you would like your I-20 sent, U.S. mailing address if applicable)	1. Street: _____ 2. City: _____ 3. State/Province: _____ 4. Postal/Zip Code: _____ 5. Country: _____ 6. Phone: _____ 7. Email: _____

11	Family Members Accompanying F-1 Visa Student (Please complete this section from top to bottom.)						
	Family Name	First Name	Date of Birth	City of Birth	Country of Birth	Country of Citizenship	Relationship to the Applicant
							Spouse
							Son Daughter
							Son Daughter
							Son Daughter
							Son Daughter
							Son Daughter

12	Reason of I-20 Request	1.Initial Attendance at Fuller Seminary: _____ 2.Initial Attendance at Fuller Seminary: Requires Change of Status to F-1: _____ 3. Transfer from another School in the US - Name of the School: _____ 4. Other Reason: _____
13	Degree sought at Fuller	
14	Have you started your program online?	No Yes • If Yes, What Program? _____ • Units completed: ____
15	In what quarter are you starting?	
16	Intensive courses only	Intensives start & end date: _____
17	Annual Expenses (Click the "Calculate Amounts" button below to update the following costs.)	1. Tuition and Fees: US\$ _____ 2. Student Health Insurance (if required*): US\$ _____ 3. Living Expenses: US\$ _____ 4. Expenses for Spouse: US\$ _____ 5. Expenses for Child(ren): US\$ _____ Total Expenses: US\$ _____
18	Funding (Total Funding must match or exceed the Total Expenses amount)	1. Student Personal Funds US\$ _____ 2. Funds from other source(s): Name: _____ US\$ _____ Name: _____ US\$ _____ Name: _____ US\$ _____ Name: _____ US\$ _____ Name: _____ US\$ _____ Total Funding: US\$ _____

By typing or signing my name and dating below, I certify that the information provided, including the financing details for my studies at Fuller Theological Seminary, is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I authorize designated school officials to contact my bank or financial institution to verify my financial information provided, if necessary.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

*** All F-1 students are required to enroll in Fuller's student health insurance plan. Please note that charges may change each year.**



Confidential Declaration of Financial Support

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{To be completed by sponsor}

1. Declaration of Support

I certify that I will commit to support _____ while a student at Fuller Theological
Student's Name

Seminary. The Total Annual Support will be \$US_____. I will begin supporting on
Total annual support

___/___/___ until ___/___/___.
(MM/DD/YYYY) (MM/DD/YYYY)

Please enclose a bank statement issued within the last 3 months from the submission date written in English with USD equivalent as evidence of your ability to serve as this student's support.

2. Sponsor Information

Organization Name/ Last Name (Family/Surname)

First Name (Given Name)

Email Address

Relationship to Student

3. Sponsor Mailing Address

Number and Street Address (CANNOT be a Post Office Box)

Address (Line 2)

City

Province or State

Postal Code

Country

By signing my name below, I certify that the information provided on this form is correct and complete.

Sponsor Signature

Date

Send this form with accompanying documents to the student.