



FORM DS-2019 REQUEST (Degree Student)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

To obtain your DS-2019, please complete this form, attach the required supplemental documents and submit to the Office of International Affairs at iss@ucmerced.edu.

US government regulations require that anyone in J visa status have adequate health insurance as defined by the US Department of State. For detailed information on this health insurance requirement, please visit:

<https://j1visa.state.gov/participants/how-to-apply/eligibility-and-fees/>

Please be advised that all Exchange Visitors will be permitted to enter the US no more than 30 days before the report/start date of their program as listed on their DS-2019. All Exchange Visitors must report to the UC Merced Office of International Affairs and attend the New International Student Orientation.

Individuals who have applied for a Waiver of the Exchange Visitor Two-Year Home Country Requirement and received approval notification from the State Department or US Citizenship and Immigration Services, and those who are substantially funded by personal or family funds are ineligible for J-1 student status.

SECTION A: STUDENT BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Last Name (Surname):	<input type="text"/>	First Name:	<input type="text"/>
Middle Name:	<input type="text"/>	Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy):	<input type="text"/>
Lived Name (if different than passport):	<input type="text"/>		
City of Birth:	<input type="text"/>	Country of Birth:	<input type="text"/>
Country of Citizenship:	<input type="text"/>	Country of Permanent Residence:	<input type="text"/>

SECTION B: ADDRESS INFORMATION *Home country address*

Street Address:	<input type="text"/>		
City, Province:	<input type="text"/>		
Country:	<input type="text"/>	Postal Code:	<input type="text"/>
Email Address:	<input type="text"/>		
Phone Number:	<input type="text"/>		
Is this your current physical address?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	

SECTION C: ACADEMIC PROGRAM INFORMATION

Degree Level at UCM:	<input type="checkbox"/> Bachelor's (BA/BS)	<input type="checkbox"/> Master's (MS/MM)	<input type="checkbox"/> Doctorate (PhD)
Major / Field of Study:	<input type="text"/>		
Semester & Year of Admission:	<input type="text"/>	Position currently held in home country:	<input type="text"/>
			(i.e. undergraduate, graduate, or type of employment if not a student)

SECTION D: COST OF ATTENDANCE, PROOF OF FUNDING & DEPENDENTS

International students are required to show sufficient proof of funding to cover their program expenses. J-1 visa students cannot be fully sponsored by personal or family funds. A substantial amount (more than 51%) of funding must come from any source other than personal or family funds. Please submit proof of your financial support that meets the minimum amount listed below depending on your level of education and whether or not you are bringing dependent(s).

Select One:

- ☐ **Undergraduate** student seeking a Bachelor's degree, **living off-campus** - \$65,356 minimum funding required for first year of study
- ☐ **Undergraduate** student seeking a Bachelor's degree, **living in residences on-campus** - \$73,964 minimum funding required for first year of study
- ☐ **Graduate** student seeking a Master's (MS) or Doctorate degree - \$47,779 minimum funding required for first year of study
- ☐ **MIST** student seeking a Master's of Management (MM) degree - \$75,283 minimum funding required for one year of study

Source of Funds (Check all that apply):

- ☐ Personal Funds
- ☐ Family or Individual Sponsor (Required: signed **Guarantee of Financial Support** form & proof of supporting funds)
- ☐ UC Merced Assistantship Award
- ☐ Other:

DEPENDENT INFORMATION *If applicable*

J-1 visa status students may request a DS-2019 for a non-US citizen spouse or unmarried children under 21 years of age. A separate J-2 Dependent DS-2019 Request is required along with a copy of dependent's biographical page and evidence of additional financial support.

Yes, I will request

dependent(s) DS-2019:

- ☐ Spouse - additional \$5,000 required
- ☐ Child(ren) - additional \$2,500 per child required Number of Children

SECTION E: PREVIOUS J VISA HISTORY & CURRENT VISA INFORMATION

Have you been issued J-1 or J-2 status in the US during the last 2 years?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

If Yes, in which J category?

All prior DS-2019s must be submitted with this form.

Are you currently in the

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS REQUIRED *Please submit the following documents with this form*

1. Copy of current passport biographical page
2. Proof of financial support (i.e. funding offer from UC Merced; signed sponsor letter OR bank statement in US dollars along with Guarantee of Financial Support form)
3. Proof of adequate health insurance if you have waived from purchasing UC Merced UC SHIP insurance
4. Copies of previous DS-2019s, if applicable

STUDENT SIGNATURE

I certify that I have read all questions carefully and that my statements are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I fully understand the financial requirements in section D are an estimate and subject to change and that my individual financial needs may vary from the minimum amount stated above.

Signature:

Date:

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