Graduate School

Information Sheet for Application for Admission
---International Forms

Please review thoroughly the general information provided below.

The Campus

Southern Illinois University Carbondale is 100-miles southeast of St. Louis, Missouri. The University was chartered in 1869 and is fully accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. There are approximately 18,000 students enrolled. International students total more than 1,300 representing 103 countries.

Educational Records

All applicants must submit official transcripts of all universities attended. U.S. schools must send their transcript directly to the Department. A transcript from a foreign school must be certified by an officer in the Registrar's Office of the school issuing the document. Photocopies without this certification will not be accepted. Applicants are advised to maintain contact with their major department. Failure to do this may make it impossible for the department to take any action on your application. PLEASE USE THE SAME FAMILY NAME ON ALL MATERIALS AND CORRESPONDENCE SUBMITTED.

TOEFL

All graduate students whose primary spoken language is not English must obtain a score of 550 or better on the TOEFL in order to be considered for admission. A 600 TOEFL is required in a few programs. Completion of an intensive English program will not substitute for the TOEFL. The TOEFL must have been taken no more than 24 months prior to the semester for which the applicant is seeking admission. If a foreign-born applicant has recently completed at least 100 semester hours of graded coursework at an accredited institution in the United States of America, the applicant will be given the same consideration for admission to a graduate degree program as a U.S. citizen, in regard to the use of English as a foreign language. For information on the TOEFL write to: Test of English as a Foreign Language, Box 899, Princeton, New Jersey 08540, U.S.A.

Center for International Education

Center for International Education provides a wide range of services and programs for international students. They are located at 860 Lincoln Drive in the Northwest Annex, Wing B, Carbondale, Illinois 62901, and may be contacted about housing, financial, and other general questions.

Financial Resources

You should have assured financial resources of not less than $42,500.00 (United States dollars) for each year you are to be a student at the University. Estimated minimum expenses (exclusive of travel cost) are:

- Room and Board (12 months) (varies) $13,300.00
- Tuition and Fees $23,200.00
- Total $42,500.00

Graduate Students from abroad will be considered for assistantship awards in open competition with American students on the basis of scholarship. These awards provide financial support in varying amounts for the academic year plus remission of tuition but not other fees. Assistantships are subject to income taxation. Applications forms for either award may be requested from the major department and must be returned to the major department.

Admission Procedure

Your application for admission to SIU should include the following information:
1. An application form.
2. Financial Statement (reverse side of this page).
3. Your official academic credentials.
5. Three letters of recommendation from your major professors if requested by the department.
6. Other information as deemed necessary by the Graduate School and your major department.

APPLICANTS ARE ADVISED TO SUBMIT THEIR APPLICATIONS AT LEAST SIX MONTHS PRIOR TO THE TERM IN WHICH THEY ARE SEEKING ADMISSION. FAILURE TO DO SO MAY RESULT IN YOUR NOT BEING ADMITTED FOR THE TERM IN WHICH YOU ARE SEEKING ADMISSION.
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Financial Statement for Graduate International Students

NOTICE: This form must be submitted with the application form. Until you show that you have satisfactory arrangements to meet your financial obligations at SIU, you will not be admitted.

Student Name: Mr. Ms. Mrs. (Family Name) (First) (Middle)

Nationality: ____________________________

Current Address: ____________________________

Proposed Department: ____________________________ Enrollment Date: □ January □ June □ August Year ________

Have you previously attended SIU? □ Yes □ No Degree(s) sought: □ Master's □ Ph.D.

Are you a resident Alien? □ Yes □ No

If you are now in the United States, what type of visa do you hold?
□ Student "F" Visa, □ Exchange "J" Visa, □ Visitor Visa, □ Other ____________________________

NOTE: 1. Before you can be fully admitted, it is necessary for you to indicate that a minimum of U.S. $42,500.00 will be available to you for each year of your proposed course of study at SIU.

2. Due to currency exchange difficulties, we require certain students to advance at least one year's expenses to the university. We will notify students who fall into this category.

Source of Funds: Please complete section A, B, or C below.

The persons responsible for financing your education (A or B below) must sign this form on the appropriate line below and furnish us with official documentation of funds and amounts via a recent bank statement or letter from the sponsoring organization.

A. Personal Sources: (Parents, Friends, or Relatives)

This is to certify that I, ____________________________, will provide funds in the amount of U.S. $_________ per year for ____________________________ during his/her studies at SIU.

(Name of Student)

Signature of sponsor: ____________________________ Relationship: ____________________________

Address: ____________________________

B. Organization furnishing financial assistance: (Government grants or other sources)

A scholarship or fellowship

Amount of award: U.S. $_________ Effective Dates:

From ________ To ________

Source of funding ____________________________

C. SIU Assistantship: ____________________________ (Department to which you have applied) Are your studies totally dependent upon award? □ Yes □ No

Dependents/Health Insurance
Are you □ Married, □ Unmarried? If married, do you plan to bring your spouse and/or children to the U.S.? □ Yes □ No

IMPORTANT: If you bring your family to the U.S., we require that you show proof to the U.S. Consulate of financial resources for their support in the amount of U.S. $5,000 per year for a spouse and U.S. $2,500 per year for each child. SIU also requires that you purchase health insurance for any dependents that join you in the U.S. for the duration of their stay. (For more information, contact the Center for International Education.)

*To be signed by student: I certify that the statements given by me in this form are complete and accurate. Furthermore, I take all financial responsibilities should my source of funding (as specified above) stop.

(Signature of Student) ____________________________ (Date) ____________________________

Please note: If you have any questions pertaining to the requirements for obtaining a financial clearance for admission, please contact Ms. Tina Sickinger at tschiff@siu.edu or 618-453-5774. Her fax # is (618) 453-7660.