



Funding for J-1 Exchange Visitors

Exchange Visitors must demonstrate that they have sufficient funds to cover their expenses while in the United States. Financial support may come from a variety of sources including the Exchange Visitor's personal funds, an entity in their home country, a US government agency, Texas A&M University- Commerce, or any combination of these.

Sources of funding should be sufficient to cover living expenses while the J-1 Exchange Visitor lives in Commerce:

- J-1 scholar: \$1458 per month or \$17500 per year
- J-2 spouse: \$250 per month or \$3000 per year
- J-2 child: \$250 per month or \$3000 per year for each child
- J-1 undergraduate students: \$28000 undergraduate per year or \$11500 per semester fall/spring (non-degree students)
- J-1 graduate students: \$26000 or \$9900 per semester fall/spring (non-degree students)

Note that these amounts do not include expenses associated with health insurance and travel. Funding that is not from Texas A&M University-Commerce should be evidenced by a letter of financial support.

Acceptable supporting documents providing sufficient financial resources are:

- Official bank statement and bank letters should be dated within the last 6 months and must have the bank official's signature, name of the account holder, and the final balance in the account
- Official sponsorship letter from the home government or institution should list the scholar's name, state the award amount, and dates of the award
- If funding comes from family members, a support letter signed by the family member must be provided