



SACRED HEART UNIVERSITY

APPLICATION FOR GRADUATE STUDY

SUPPLEMENT FOR INTERNATIONAL APPLICANTS

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Instructions: Please complete the following and send this supplement along with your Application for Graduate Study to the Office of Graduate Admissions. This document must accompany your application for admission.

OVERVIEW

Admission requirements vary for each program. All international graduate students are required to have graduated from an accredited college or university with a bachelor's degree or its equivalent. Nursing applicants must have a bachelor's degree equivalent in Nursing from a National League of Nursing (NLN) accredited institution. In addition, all students are required to submit an application with all supporting documents to be considered for full admission.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

All international applicants are required to complete the Application for Graduate Study and the Supplement for International Applicants provided by the Office of Graduate Admissions, submit transcript evaluations from all prior college-level work and two letters of recommendation. Check with the Office of Graduate Admissions on any other application materials your program of choice may require. A \$100.00 non-refundable fee is required to process an application.

Applicants will not be considered for admission until the application is complete. International students must receive a full matriculation decision by the department in order to study at Sacred Heart University.

TRANSCRIPTS

It is required that an applicant's transcript be evaluated by a translation service so that it may be properly utilized by the University. The applicant is responsible for having the transcripts evaluated and must pay any and all fees required for such service. Students may contact the Office of Graduate Admissions for an Application for Evaluation of Foreign Educational Credentials or contact:

World Education Services
Bowling Green Station, P.O. Box 5087
New York, NY 10274-5087
Phone: (212) 966-6311, Fax: (212) 739-6100
www.wes.org

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Two letters of recommendation on behalf of the applicant must be submitted directly to the Office of Graduate Admissions. There is no prescribed format other than the suggestion that these letters be from individuals that know you well enough to comment on your ability to undergo graduate study (i.e. former professors, professional supervisors).

F-1 STUDENT VISAS

As part of the application for admission, a bank statement verifying that sufficient funds are available for study in the United States for one (1) year must be forwarded to the Office of Graduate Admissions. Once verification has been received, an I-20 may be issued to the student for the purpose of obtaining an F-1 Student Visa from the U.S. Embassy in their country. The bank statement must be an original and cannot be faxed to the University. For more information on the F-1 Visa, please contact the International Center at (203) 365-7614. Students are required to submit verification at the time of application.

TEST OF ENGLISH AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE (TOEFL) REQUIREMENT

International students who wish to pursue graduate study at Sacred Heart University must submit official TOEFL scores. Sacred Heart University expects a minimum TOEFL score of 550 on the paper-based test, 213 on the computer-based test or 80 on the iBT internet-based test. All non-native speakers of English are required to take an English placement exam to satisfy an English Proficiency Requirement. Please contact the English as a Foreign Language (EFL) Program Director at (203) 371-7837 for more information.

IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENT

The State of Connecticut requires that all students born after December 31, 1956 who attend a college or university prove adequate immunization against measles and rubella. This requires two doses of measles vaccine administered one month apart (the second dose must be given after January 1, 1979) and one dose of rubella vaccine after the student's first birthday. Immunization verification should be submitted directly to the University Student Health Services Office. If there are any questions regarding this policy, please contact the University Health Services Office at (203) 731-7838.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:

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ESTIMATED COST OF ATTENDANCE FOR FULL-TIME GRADUATE STUDENTS

Note: These are estimates only. Actual costs vary by student. Full-time tuition is based on 24 credit hours per academic year. As part of the application process, international student applicants are required to demonstrate sufficient funding is available to meet these costs to attend Sacred Heart University for one year.

FULL-TIME GRADUATE STUDENT BUDGETS

| <i>Degree Program</i> | <i>Tuition*</i> | <i>Fees</i> | <i>Room/Board**</i> | <i>Books</i> | <i>Transportation</i> | <i>Misc.</i> | <i>Total</i> |
|-----------------------|-----------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------|-----------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Chemistry | \$19,125 | \$500 | \$14,800 | \$1,200 | \$1,080 | \$1,200 | \$37,905 |
| Criminal Justice | 13,200 | 500 | 14,800 | 800 | 1,080 | 1,200 | 31,580 |
| Computer Science/IT | 19,125 | 500 | 14,800 | 1,200 | 1,080 | 1,200 | 37,905 |
| Education | 12,720 | 500 | 14,800 | 800 | 1,080 | 1,200 | 31,100 |
| MBA Program | 24,000 | 500 | 14,800 | 1,200 | 1,080 | 1,200 | 42,780 |
| Nursing | 12,000 | 800 | 14,800 | 1,200 | 1,080 | 1,200 | 31,080 |
| Occupational Therapy | 28,080 | 500 | 14,800 | 1,800 | 1,080 | 1,200 | 47,460 |
| Physical Therapy | 28,180 | 800 | 14,800 | 2,000 | 1,080 | 1,200 | 48,060 |
| Religious Studies | 13,800 | 500 | 14,800 | 800 | 1,080 | 1,200 | 32,180 |

**full-time tuition is based on 24 credits/year.*

***there is no campus-sponsored housing for graduate students. Estimate is based on current market estimates of local rental properties.*

Budget is based on 12 months.

Keep this portion of the application for your reference.

GRADUATE APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

Supplement for International Graduate Students



SACRED HEART UNIVERSITY

Name _____

Instructions: Please complete the following and send this supplement along with your Application for Graduate Study to the Office of Graduate Admissions. This document must accompany your application for admission and will be an important part of your application to the Immigration and Naturalization Service for a student visa.

IMMIGRATION INFORMATION *Please complete the following information.*

Do you currently possess a Student Visa? Yes No *If yes, please indicate your status* _____

School or organization issuing document to obtain entry into the United States _____

Please include address _____

Date of Initial Entry in the U.S. _____

Admission Number _____

Have you ever applied for foreign exchange permission (as may be required by your government for all students studying abroad)? Yes No

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

All international graduate student applicants are required to demonstrate that sufficient funds are available to the applicant for graduate study at Sacred Heart University for one year as indicated on the attached budget sheet. Graduate students are also expected to have continued support throughout their studies at the University. Please complete the following information and submit a bank statement verifying that such funds exist.

| <i>Source of Funds</i> | <i>Amount (in U.S. Dollars)</i> |
|---|---------------------------------|
| Personal Savings | _____ |
| Family Funds | _____ |
| Government Scholarship | _____ |
| Business or Organization Scholarship | _____ |
| Other <i>(please submit an official letter indicating the amount and availability of funds)</i> | _____ |

Note: The total amount must be equal or exceed the total expenses for study at Sacred Heart University for one year. All signatures must be originals as well as the bank verification statements requested for the application.

Does your country have currency restrictions that limit the amount of money that may be released to you each year in U.S. Dollars? Yes No

If yes, what is the amount allowed for what period of time? _____

SPONSOR INFORMATION *The following information must be completed by the sponsor or sponsoring organization.*

Note: If the sponsor is not part of the applicant's immediate family, please contact the International Center at Sacred Heart University for the appropriate forms.

Name of sponsor _____

Relationship of sponsor to the applicant _____

Complete address _____

This is to certify that I will provide funds in the amount of funds as required for study at Sacred Heart University plus any increase due to inflation, per academic year (9 or 12 months) for tuition, room and board, fees for the above named student. This support will continue for the duration of the program of study. Further, I understand that I am responsible for any and all debts incurred by the

student while attending Sacred Heart University. I am employed as, or engaged in the business of _____ at

_____ attesting to my financial status.

Employer

Address

My signature below certifies my sponsorship.

Signature of Sponsor

Affix seal or stamp of certification here.

Subscribed and Sworn to before me this

_____ day of _____

A.D., 20 _____ at _____

Signature of Officer

Title of Officer

Any questions regarding completion of this form should be referred to:

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