Student Visa and financial matters worksheet

AFTER BEING ADMITTED

You should begin to consider your student visa options. In order for SAIC to issue a Certificate of Eligibility (I-20 form) for you to apply for F-1 (student visa) status, you are required by U.S. immigration law to submit evidence of adequate and sufficient funding to meet the estimated tuition and living expenses as outlined in the Undergraduate Student Budget table.

FOLLOW THE STEPS BELOW

1| Refer to the 2026-27 Undergraduate Student Budget table on the last page of this document to identify your total annual expense estimate. Add any required funding for additional programs/requests (e.g. dependents).

Enter your total expense estimate $_____

2| Complete and upload the Statement of Financial Support Request and I-20 requests via Terra Dotta (global.saic.edu). If you have more than one sponsor, use a separate request for each one.

☐ Self Sponsored ☐ Name of any sponsor/s _____

3| Upload a bank statement that shows an account balance issued within the past six months. Please write your full name on any bank statements belonging to a sponsor.

THE BANK ACCOUNT MUST:

- Be in the name of you and/or your sponsor
- Show the type of currency clearly
- Be issued in English or have an accompanying translation

Declarations of assets/property, tax filings, or statements of estimated earnings from employers cannot be accepted. SAIC is not responsible if the amount of funding shown to be available by students or sponsor/s on the Statement of Financial Support Request becomes unavailable after the date on the document.

4| Upload a photocopy of your passport biographical page showing your name/personal information.

5| Submit your complete I-20 application packet to International Student Affairs via Terra Dotta (global.saic.edu). You will be given access to this portal once you have submitted your enrollment deposit. Do NOT email any of the requested documents to International Student Affairs.

Student visa and financial matters worksheet *(continued)*

FOR STUDENTS TRANSFERRING AN I-20 FROM ANOTHER US INSTITUTION

If you have attended school in the US and currently hold a valid I-20, you need to follow these additional steps to transfer your I-20 to SAIC.

1| When you complete your Declaration of Intent in Terra Dotta, please select "I am currently attending/have recently attended a US institution and will transfer my SEVIS Record."

2| Click the Transfer In button in Terra Dotta to open the Transfer Release Form. Confirm with your current international student advisor the SEVIS Transfer Release Date and their email and enter the information.

3| If you are traveling outside the US before beginning your studies at SAIC, please:

- » Enter your travel information in the Transfer Release Form in Terra Dotta.
- » Check the expiration date of your F-1 visa; students with an expired visa will need to apply for a renewal while outside the US.
- » DO NOT use the I-20 from your previous school to re-enter the US; you MUST use your SAIC I-20 when re-entering.

STUDENTS WITH A VISA STATUS OTHER THAN F-1

If you entered the US on a visa type other than F-1, or if you are a US permanent resident, please submit a copy of the current visa page from your passport with your I-94 (https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov/I94), or a copy of your Alien Registration Card (front and back) as verification of your current status to International Student Affairs.





Tuition and Expense Estimate

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT BUDGET

2026-27 FALL/SPRING	UNDERGRAD 30 CR/ANNUAL
TUITION	$ 59,460
HOUSING AND FOOD EXPENSES *	$ 19,800
PERSONAL EXPENSES	$ 3,220
TRANSPORTATION	$ 2,100
BOOKS & SUPPLIES	$ 1,830
MEDICAL/HEALTH INSURANCE	$ 3,940
TECHNOLOGY & UPASS FEE	$ 1,310
TOTAL	**$ 91,660**
SUMMER 2027	**6 CR HOURS**
TUITION	$ 11,892
LIVING EXPENSES	$ 6,510
TOTAL	**$ 18,402**

** Residence Halls Double Room Rate*

***Note that these costs reflect expenses for the 2026–27 academic year; tuition and expense estimates are subject to yearly increases.*

Tuition per credit hour in Fall/Spring 2026–27: undergrad $1,982.

HOUSING COSTS

2026–27 on-campus housing in SAIC Residence Hall (double occupancy room rate at US $15,950, plus meals/food budget of $3,850) is estimated in total at US $19,800.

DEPENDENTS

Students who will be accompanied by a spouse and/or a child/children must complete the dependent supplement at the time they submit their Statement of Financial Support in Terra Dotta and provide photocopies of each dependent's passport. Evidence of additional funding in the amount of US $6,300 (spouse only), $5,300 (1 child only), $11,600 (spouse + 1 child), or $16,900 (spouse + 2 children) is required.