

**Florida State University College of Medicine  
Graduate Student Fact Sheet for International Students  
2024-2025\***

**1. I-20 Application**

Florida State University is required by U.S. federal regulations to verify the financial resources of each applicant prior to issuing the required immigration documents (Form I-20) for study in the United States. Therefore, in addition to submitting your International Student Application to the Admissions Office, you must also complete the I-20 Application. You will receive additional information about this process and how to submit your proof of funding via automatic email within 2 business days of your formal admission to Florida State University. More information about this process is available at <https://cge.fsu.edu/international-students/new-students/step-2-obtain-your-form-i-20>.

Important: Disclosure of available funds will not disqualify you from applying for and/or receiving an assistantship.

**2. Student Credit Hours/Fees (2024-2025 tuition rate-may be subject to an increase)**

**Full-Time Status:** 9 credit hours per semester with a graduate assistantship; 9 credit hours per semester without a graduate assistantship.

**International (Non-Resident) Rate per Credit Hour:** \$1004.85 + Fees: \$105.87 = \$1,110.72

For more information, refer to the Student Business Services Website at <http://studentbusiness.fsu.edu>

**3. Health Insurance Requirement and Health Insurance Subsidy for Graduate Assistants**

International students are required to provide proof of acceptable health insurance or purchase a university approved plan. For insurance information including coverage and cost, visit University Health Services' Insurance website at <https://uhs.fsu.edu/> or call 850/644-6230.

The Graduate School offers qualifying graduate assistants a subsidy benefit towards the purchase of the University-sponsored health insurance. For more information visit <http://www.gradschool.fsu.edu/funding-awards/subsidy-benefit> or contact your department representative for details.

**4. Visa**

Information about applying for a student visa is available on the Center for Global Engagement's Pre-Arrival webpage, which will be sent to you with your immigration documents. The webpage is available at <http://cge.fsu.edu/international-students/new-students>

**5. Social Security Number**

If you will be employed in the U.S., you must obtain a U.S. Social Security Number (SSN) to get paid. Students who are not working or receiving income in the U.S. are not eligible for a social security number, and should NEVER use their FSU identification number (999 or 899 number) in place of the SSN outside of the FSU campus. For more information visit the International Center's website at <http://www.cge.fsu.edu> (Click *Current Students*, *F-1 Status Students*, *Employment*).

**6. Academic Calendar**

All teaching and research assistants are expected to enroll full-time each semester. Refer to the Office of the Registrar <http://registrar.fsu.edu/> for important registration and class information.

## 7. New Graduate Student Orientation

**Center for Global Engagement:** A mandatory orientation is conducted by the Center for Global Engagement. The orientation will provide you with important information about how to maintain your immigration status. For information about the schedule of orientation sessions visit CGE's website at <https://cge.fsu.edu/international-students/new-students/step-6-online-orientations>.

**The Graduate School Orientation:** The Graduate School offers a New Graduate Student Orientation. The Dean, Dr. Mark Riley, will welcome students. The goals of the orientation are to provide students with an understanding of what to expect academically and financially as graduate students; to describe the professional ethics associated with graduate research and creative endeavors; and to highlight FSU's academic and social opportunities and services available to graduate students. For information and registration information, visit <https://gradschool.fsu.edu/>.

## 8. Speak Test

SPEAK (Speaking Proficiency English Assessment Kit) is a test for evaluating the English speaking ability of non-native speakers of English. This is a locally administered assessment test. Students who do not pass the test initially are provided classes in spoken English. Test Information can be found at <http://cies.fsu.edu>.

## 9. Duration of Studies and Outside Employment

The doctoral degree requirements should be met in approximately 5 years. Graduate studies should be engaged as a full-time endeavor except under extraordinary circumstances. Students who are supported on a full value fellowship or assistantship are considered to be fully engaged and are not permitted to hold employment outside of the program. Small, non-recurrent tasks for which compensation is received, such as occasional tutoring, are permitted, upon the approval of the program director.

## 10. Center for Global Engagement

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## 11. Certificate of Financial Responsibility (CFR):

Florida State University is required by US federal regulations to verify the financial resources of each applicant prior to issuing the required immigration documents for study in the United States. You must complete the Certification of Financial Responsibility (CFR) form. More information is available at <https://cies.fsu.edu/sites/g/files/upcbnu386/files/CERTIFICATION>.

## 12. Council of Graduate School Resolution:

URL: [https://cse.tcu.edu/files/CGSResolution\\_Oct2015.pdf](https://cse.tcu.edu/files/CGSResolution_Oct2015.pdf)

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\*=Please note that these are estimates based upon 2023-2024 figures. New figures are available in August after the Legislature approves the 2024-2025 rates.