

1. Check appropriate box(es) and fill out field(s):

In the past 5 months I have not been in F-1 status.

I have valid F-1 status/an I-20 from _____
(US school's name)

I am in the U.S. in _____ status (other than F-1).

I do not require an I-20. Fill in items 1-6 on page 1 and the I-20 waiver on page 4.

According to U.S. federal immigration regulations, all students requiring issuance of the I-20 (Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant (F-1) Student Status) must document their ability to meet all educational and living expenses while studying in the U.S. The following estimate of expenses must be met: **\$45,000 for the associate's program; \$50,700 for the bachelor's; and \$52,700 for the master's.** This estimate represents a modest budget for one year's attendance at FIT. These figures are non-negotiable and include tuition and related fees, room and board, educational supplies, and personal expenses. While only one year of funds needs to be verified, this amount (plus an approximate 10% per year increase in expenses) must be available for each year of study.

Do not expect to subsidize your expenses by earning income or engaging in any kind of work while in the U.S. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) **severely restricts** employment in the U.S., and financial aid is not available to nonimmigrant students at FIT.

Read the following instructions carefully. Incomplete or incorrect forms will result in significant delays in the issuance of the I-20.

Keep copies of this form and all supporting documents; they will be required by the U.S. Consulate when applying for a visa and by immigration inspectors upon entry into the U.S. For more information on applying for an F-1 visa and a detailed explanation of terms and conditions for maintaining F-1 status, visit fitnyc.edu/iss.

Please complete all information on this form, sign where indicated, and email along with all supporting documentation to International Student Services (ISS) at fit_oisa@fitnyc.edu. Do not submit this form until you have been admitted to FIT (see page 4 for submission instructions). The I-20 will be sent to you within 5 working days of receipt of the ISFS and the tuition deposit.

2. Student name (print exactly as it appears in your passport and **attach a copy of the biographical page of your passport**)

Family name (last name) _____

First name (given name) _____ Middle name _____

3. FIT ID# @ _____ **4. City of birth** _____

5. Country of birth _____ **6. Country of citizenship** _____

7. Birth date (mm/dd/yyyy) / / _____ **8. Male** _____ **Female** _____

9. Degree AAS Bachelor's Master's _____ **10. Major** _____

11. Dependents (Spouse/Children)

I have no dependents

I have the following dependents (only your spouse and children can accompany you to the U.S.):

Family name, first name	Birth Date (mm/dd/yr)	Country of Birth	Relation to Student

Students who wish to have dependents accompany them to the U.S. must add the following amount to the estimate of educational expenses provided and submit a copy of the biographical page of each dependent's passport.

For spouse: \$3,800 per calendar year _____ For each child: \$2,600 per calendar year _____

12. Permanent address in your country of residence (not the U.S.)

street address _____

city _____ province/territory _____

postal code _____ country _____

13. Email _____

14. Home country telephone number () _____

15. U.S. telephone number (if applicable) () _____

16. How I wish to receive my I-20 (choose A or B)

A. Mail my I-20:

To my permanent address in #11. _____

To the following address _____

B. Do not mail my I-20:

Once International Student Services informs me that my I-20 is ready, I (or my designee) will pick it up at FIT. _____

Notify me that the I-20 is ready at:

My email address _____

My U.S. telephone number _____

EVIDENCE OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT

The funds for one year of study and related expenses may be provided by a single source or a combination of sources either within or outside the U.S. Each sponsor or family relative pledging support must sign this form as instructed. This form and all supporting documentation must be dated **within 6 months** of beginning attendance at FIT.

Each financial institution where any portion of these funds is on deposit must sign and stamp/seal this form in the section corresponding to the amount pledged, or a **separate bank statement or verification of funds** in English on official bank letterhead (with official translation if necessary) must be provided, showing the stated amount of pledged support is on deposit. The amount must be clearly written in U.S. dollars (USD) or converted to USD using an official and current conversion rate. Statements whose currency has not been converted to USD will be returned. **The funds must be in liquid assets.**

A. STUDENT'S PERSONAL FUNDS To be used if any or all funds are on deposit in accounts in the student's name.

Name of financial institution	Amount pledged in USD
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Subtotal of Student Funds	USD

1. The funds indicated above are on deposit with this institution. (Verification of amounts is without liability to the bank or its officials.)

Name of financial institution (if not submitting bank statement)	Telephone number ()
Official's name and title	Signature
Seal	Date (mm/dd/yr) / /

Name of financial institution (if not submitting bank statement)	Telephone number ()
Official's name and title	Signature
Seal	Date (mm/dd/yr) / /

2. The information on this form is true and accurate. I am fully aware that any false or misleading statements will result in automatic revocation of admission or de-registration from FIT.

I agree that the amount pledged above will be available for each year of my studies. I understand that FIT does not provide financial assistance to international students and that any type of employment in the U.S. is severely restricted by DHS. Failure to meet my financial obligations to FIT will result in my dismissal.

Student signature	Date (mm/dd/yr) / /
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B. FAMILY OR RELATIVE SUPPORT To be used when family or direct relatives (parents, siblings, or spouse) of the student are providing all or a portion of the funds.

Name of financial institution	
Name of account holder	Amount pledged in USD
Name of financial institution	
Name of account holder	Amount pledged in USD

If the required funds are provided by a combination of sources, each must provide supporting documentation. Each family member or relative offering support must sign section B2.

Subtotal of Family or Relative Funds	USD
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1. The funds indicated above are on deposit with this institution. (Verification of amounts is without liability to the financial institution or its officials.)

Name of financial institution (if not submitting bank statement)	Telephone number ()
Official's name and title	Signature
Seal	Date (mm/dd/yr) / /
Name of financial institution (if not submitting bank statement)	
Official's name and title	Signature
Seal	Date (mm/dd/yr) / /

2. The information on this form is true and accurate. I/we are fully aware that any false or misleading statements will result in the student's automatic revocation of admission or de-registration from FIT. I/we agree that the amount pledged above will be available for each year of the student's studies. I/we understand that FIT does not provide any financial assistance to international students and that any type of employment in the U.S. is severely restricted by DHS. Failure to meet financial obligations to FIT will result in the student's dismissal.

Family member/Relative signature	Relationship to student	Date (mm/dd/yr) / /
Family member/Relative signature	Relationship to student	Date (mm/dd/yr) / /

C. SPONSOR SUPPORT To be used when persons other than family members or direct relatives pledge all or a portion of the funds.

Name of financial institution	
Name of account holder	Amount pledged in USD
Name of financial institution	
Name of account holder	Amount pledged in USD

Subtotal of Sponsor Funds	USD
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1. The funds indicated above are on deposit with this institution. (Verification of amounts is without liability to the financial institution or its officials.)

Name of financial institution (if not submitting bank statement)	Telephone number ()
Official's name and title	Seal
Signature	Date (mm/dd/yr) / /
Name of financial institution (if not submitting bank statement)	
Official's name and title	Seal
Signature	Date (mm/dd/yr) / /

2. The information on this form is true and accurate. I/we are fully aware that any false or misleading statements will result in the student's automatic revocation of admission or de-registration from FIT. As sponsors for this student, I/we understand that the financial support pledged for the student's education is available and may not be withdrawn. While only the first year of financial support needs to be verified at this time, I/we pledge the same amount of support for each year of the student's study at FIT. I/we understand that services (i.e., house cleaning, babysitting, secretarial work) in exchange for this support cannot be required of the student. Failure to meet financial obligations to FIT will result in the student's dismissal.

Sponsor name	Relationship to student	Signature
Permanent address		
Telephone number		Date (mm/dd/yr) / /
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Permanent address		
Telephone number		Date (mm/dd/yr) / /

D. GOVERNMENT, CORPORATE, OR INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT

An official award letter addressed to the Fashion Institute of Technology on institutional letterhead must accompany this form. The letter must contain: the student's name, degree, and major field of study for which the award is valid; the amount of funds available for each year of study; and the duration of the award (beginning and ending dates). Nongovernmental offers of support must be documented by a financial institution showing availability of funds pledged. Contact information for the institution's responsible officer must be included in the letter.

Funds	
Government, corporation, or institution name	Amount pledged in USD
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Subtotal of Government, Corporate, or Institutional Funds	USD

E. TOTAL FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Subtotal of Student Funds	USD
Subtotal of Family or Relative Funds	USD
Subtotal of Sponsor Funds	USD
Subtotal of Government, Corporate, or Institutional Funds	USD
Total Funds (add all subtotals from above)	USD

This total must equal or exceed the required amount for your program of study (\$45,000 for the associate's program; \$50,700 for the bachelor's program; \$52,700 for the master's program).

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PLEDGE

The information on this form is true and accurate. The amount pledged is available for each year of my studies at FIT. I am fully aware that any false or misleading statements will result in automatic revocation of admission, or de-registration. I understand that FIT does not offer financial aid to international students and that employment of any type in the U.S., including internships, is severely restricted by DHS.

Student signature _____ Date (mm/dd/yr) / /

OR

I-20 WAIVER

Please note: you must provide evidence of your status, i.e., passport, permanent resident card, or other immigration-related items.

I do not wish to receive an I-20 at this time because _____.

Student signature _____ Date (mm/dd/yr) / /

AFTER BEING ADMITTED TO FIT, RETURN THIS COMPLETED FORM AND ALL SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION:

Electronically to:
fit_oisa@fitnyc.edu
(.pdf or .jpeg format preferred)

KEEP COPIES OF THIS FORM AND ALL SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION.

For current information on obtaining an F-1 visa and maintenance of status, visit fitnyc.edu/iss.