Funding Documentation Accepted for Fulbright Visa Sponsorship

This document provides guidance for interpreting funding documents and evaluating their acceptability.

Acceptable Funding Documentation for J-1:

1) **Official personal bank statement** — must be recent (dated within three months of the start date) and state your/guarantor name (can include checking, savings, or short-term Certificates of Deposit); web printouts acceptable if current (date displayed, grantee/guarantor name identified, and web address visible).

2) **University funding** — printed on university letterhead, should state the dollar value of the funding, dates the funding covers, purpose of the funding (e.g. additional stipend, research materials, research assistants), any work requirements (e.g. co-teaching a course) and any conditions related to the funding.

3) **Family/personal support** — (a) signed letter from family member must confirm the dollar amount to be provided for the period requested, your relationship, and the purpose of the funding (e.g. living expenses, child support, etc.), along with (b) a copy of the family member’s official bank statement (which is not older than three months and states the family member’s name).

4) **Private funding** (e.g., private, foundation, home country government) — printed on institution’s letterhead, should state the dollar value of the award, dates the award covers, funding/award type; note: if award is multiple-year award, a confirmation the amount disbursed during your Fulbright grant is required.

5) **J-1 or J-2 Home country employment salary** — signed letter on printed on home-country employer’s letterhead stating your name, salary, dates of payments, and conditions of employment (e.g., leave approved through specified date with percentage of salary paid).

NOT ACCEPTABLE:

1) Non-liquid assets such as stocks/bonds/real estate
2) Family/other personal sponsor support in the form of paycheck stubs from that person
3) Home country rental lease/income
4) Loans
Acceptable Funding Documentation for J-2:

1) **Official personal bank statement** — must be recent (dated within three months of the start date) and state your name (can include checking, savings, or short-term Certificates of Deposit); web printouts acceptable if current, grantee name identified, and web address visible.

2) **Family/personal support** — (a) signed letter from family member must confirm the dollar amount to be provided for the period requested, your relationship, and the purpose of the funding (e.g. living expenses, children’s tuition, etc.), along with (b) a copy of the family member’s official bank statement (which is not older than three months and states the family member’s name).

3) **J-1 or J-2 Home country employment salary** — signed letter on printed on home-country employer’s letterhead stating your name, salary, dates of payments, and conditions of employment (e.g., leave approved through specified date with percentage of salary paid).

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**Suggested Text for Guarantor’s Letter of Financial Support**

Dear Fulbright/IIE:

I, ____________________(guarantor’s name), agree to financially support this applicant, ____________________(grantee’s name) and/or their dependents, for the duration of their current visa sponsorship, in the amount of __________. I understand that this is a binding contract and should any financial difficulties arise for this applicant, I will be responsible. I have included my most recent official bank statement (dated within the past 90 days or less), which sums my checking/savings account as proof of sufficient liquid funds. I confirm there is no prohibition on the international transfer of funds from the country in which my funding resides that will restrict this commitment of financial support.

**Guarantor Information (print or type)  Signature of Guarantor:**

Full Name: __________________________ Signature of Guarantor: __________________________
Country of Residence: __________________________
Residence Address: __________________________
Telephone: __________________________
Date of Birth: Occupation/Employer:
Relationship to Applicant: __________________________
Today’s Date: __________________________