

**Supplemental Admissions Information  
For International Graduate Students  
2009-2010**

Graduate and Professional Admissions  
Graduate College  
203 Coble Hall, 801 S. Wright Street; Champaign, Illinois 61820 U.S.A  
Telephone: (217) 244-4637  
E-mail: [GradAdmissions@illinois.edu](mailto:GradAdmissions@illinois.edu) URL: <http://www.grad.illinois.edu/admissions/apply/>



**INTERNATIONAL STUDENT REPORTING DATES**

All admitted international students must report to International Student & Scholar Services (ISSS) for check-in, upon arrival on campus. Check-in must be completed within the following New International Student Orientation Check-in dates:

| <b>Admit Term:</b> | <b>Check-in Date:</b> |
|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Summer 2009        | June 8-10, 2009       |
| Fall 2009          | August 17-19, 2009    |
| Spring 2010        | January 13-15, 2010   |

Check-in may be completed at the following address:  
International Student & Scholar Services (ISSS)  
400 Turner Student Services Building  
610 East John Street  
Champaign, IL 61820  
[www.ips.uiuc.edu/iss](http://www.ips.uiuc.edu/iss)

You may complete the electronic data collection portion of the check-in process up to 45 days prior to the above check-in date for your term of admission by visiting <https://www.s.dmi.uiuc.edu/checkin/>.

**HOUSING**

Arrangements for housing can be made in advance, or upon arrival on campus. Visit the Housing Web page at [www.housing.uiuc.edu](http://www.housing.uiuc.edu) and follow the link to Graduate and Family Housing for more information on housing, such as room diagrams, apartment layouts and rate information.

To obtain information, contact:

*Single graduate students:*  
Housing Information Office  
100 Clark Hall, 1203 South Fourth Street  
Champaign, IL 61820 U.S.A.  
Telephone: (217) 333-7111  
Fax: (217) 244-7073 E-mail: [housing@uiuc.edu](mailto:housing@uiuc.edu)

*Married students with spouse:*  
Family & Graduate Housing, 1841 Orchard Place  
Urbana, IL 61801 U.S.A.  
Telephone: (217) 333-5656  
Fax: (217) 244-1200 E-mail: [famhous@uiuc.edu](mailto:famhous@uiuc.edu)

**FINANCES**

Education and living expenses were made available to you as part of the admission process. Your admission has been finalized on the basis of documented evidence that you or your sponsor will meet these expenses. Please note that the cost of living in Urbana-Champaign is relatively high. Plans for unexpected expenses and transfer of emergency funds should be made prior to your home country departure. Careful financial planning is the responsibility of each student. It is imperative that you have a cash reserve of at least \$3,000 when you arrive on campus. It is not wise to travel with a large sum of currency; therefore, we recommend that you use traveler's cheques or make arrangements with your bank to transfer funds to a local bank before you leave your home country. You may have to present documentation to the U.S. consulate/embassy verifying

your sources of financial support. That financial documentation should correspond to the information included on the I-20/DS-2019 issued to you. Current estimates of tuition and fees for most graduate programs for 2009-2010 are as follows:

|   | <b>Academic year<br/>(9 months)</b> | <b>Summer Session</b> |
|---|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Estimated graduate student tuition and fees*</b> | <b>\$24,742</b>                     | <b>\$8,997</b>        |

**\*IMPORTANT NOTE:** Please review the list of graduate programs that have tuition rates other than base rates at <http://www.registrar.illinois.edu/financial/tuition.html>. If you will be attending the College of Law, College of Veterinary Medicine, or a graduate program in the College of Business, please contact your program office for tuition information.

**SPONSORSHIP BILLING**

If you have a scholarship or grant from your government, or other sponsor, who request that the University of Illinois bill your sponsor directly for tuition and fees, it is necessary that a letter of billing authorization from the sponsor be on file at the Office of Business Affairs prior to course registration. The letter of billing authorization should be mailed to: University of Illinois, Office of Business Affairs, 162 Henry Administration Building, 506 South Wright Street, Urbana, Illinois 61801 U.S.A. Include your University Identification Number (UIN), which was included in your official Notice of Admission to the Graduate College, in all correspondence.

**DEPENDENTS ACCOMPANYING STUDENT**

If you are married and will be accompanied by your spouse and/or children, you may have to present documentation to the U.S. consulate/embassy verifying the sources of financial support for your family. That financial documentation should correspond to the information on your I-20/DS-2019. The additional expense for a spouse is estimated to be approximately \$6,200 per year. The estimated expense for one child is approximately \$9,980 per year, and each additional child is approximately \$1,920 per year. If your dependents are not accompanying you, but will be following at a later date, please inquire at International Student & Scholar Services (ISSS) about the appropriate procedures to request dependent travel documents.

**STUDENT HEALTH INSURANCE**

All students are assessed an "Insurance Fee" (each term they register) to cover the cost of the Student Health Insurance Program. This "fee" may be waived for students who present evidence of equivalent insurance coverage. Married students whose families accompany them may be required to purchase health insurance coverage for their dependents. The student needs to contact the Student Insurance Office at (217) 333-0165 by the 10<sup>th</sup> day of class (each semester) to apply for dependent coverage. The current rate (per term): for the student \$256 (\$745 per year); for a spouse \$1032 (\$3,096 per year); and for each child \$514 (\$1,542 per year). Rates include summer coverage, which you may request even though you may choose not to register for class during the summer semester. These rates are subject to change each academic year. A brochure

explaining insurance benefits is available from the Student Insurance Office, Suite 480, 807 South Wright Street, Champaign, Illinois 61820 U.S.A. or at: [www.si.uiuc.edu](http://www.si.uiuc.edu)

## HEALTH SERVICE

All students are assessed a Health Service Fee of \$207 per term to cover McKinley Health Center Services, for the treatment of common illnesses and injuries. Information on community health services for a spouse or child is available from the International Health Coordinator at (217) 333-2701. Because health and dental care is very expensive in the U.S., we recommend that you arrange for medical and dental treatment prior to your departure.

Illinois State Law *requires* all students enrolling at an Illinois university to provide proof of immunity to diphtheria/tetanus, measles, rubella, and mumps (current list is subject to change). Students enrolling without providing proof of immunity will not be permitted to enroll for a subsequent term unless acceptable proof of immunity is provided, or a medical or religious exemption is granted.

*The enclosed McKinley Health Center/Health Information Form must be completed in full and submitted upon arrival at the New International Student Orientation Check-in, at International Student & Scholar Services (ISSS), 400 Turner Student Service Building, 610 East John Street, Champaign, Illinois 61820 U.S.A.* Although a physical examination is not required for admission, this Health Information Form will be used by the University's Health Service, should the need arise.

*All immunizations must be current.* A tuberculin screening (a test done to determine exposure to tuberculosis) will be performed on all international students upon registration at the University, unless the student is a known positive (indicating exposure to tuberculosis at some time in the past); in the case of a known positive, a chest x-ray will be ordered.

Abnormalities are often found on the chest x-ray suggestive of inactive or active tubercular disease. Students do not need to have a chest x-ray performed in their country before departing. Students who have been treated for tuberculosis in the past or have undergone a tuberculosis prophylaxis program in their country should bring all pertinent medical information concerning the above. Having this information with you may save you time, laboratory tests, and additional expense.

If you have questions concerning the above, write to: Immunization and Travel Clinic, McKinley Health Center, 1109 South Lincoln Ave., Urbana, Illinois 61801 U.S.A.  
Telephone: (217) 333-2701. E-mail: [mhc@uiuc.edu](mailto:mhc@uiuc.edu)  
[www.mckinley.uiuc.edu/](http://www.mckinley.uiuc.edu/)

## VISA

The following information is for students who have been issued the Certificate of Eligibility Form I-20 or DS-2019 by the University of Illinois.

- **Students presently residing outside of the U.S.A.:** Present this form to the U.S. consulate to obtain the appropriate student or exchange visitor visa for registration at the University of Illinois. (Upon arrival in the United States, you will be required to enroll at the institution specified on your student or exchange visitor visa). Citizens of Canada do not need a U.S. entry visa to come to the

U.S.; however, they will be required to show either the I-20 or DS-2019 upon entry to the U.S. You will be allowed to enter the U.S. no more than 30 days before the program start date listed on your visa document. You may engage in on-campus employment no more than 30 days before the beginning of classes. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has implemented a SEVIS I-901 fee that will require all students seeking an initial entry F-1/I-20 or J-1/DS-2019 on or after October 27, 2008 to pay \$180 (J-1 holders) or \$200 (F-1 holders) to DHS. This fee must be processed at least three business days prior to the reporting date to the consulate. For further information concerning this fee, please refer to the following web site: <https://www.fmjfee.com/i901fee/>.

- **Students currently in the U.S.A. in B-1 or B-2 visitor status:** Current U.S. government regulations do not allow visitors in B status to enroll in a program of study in the United States. Therefore, you must change to F-1 or J-1 status in your home country prior to enrolling at the University of Illinois. Please understand that you will not be allowed to register for classes until you have changed your status.
- **Students transferring from a U.S. institution and having the Form I-20/DS-2019:** You should inform the International Student Advisor at the university you are now attending of your intention to transfer to the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Your International Student Advisor must update your F-1/J-1 SEVIS record to permit the University of Illinois to create a transfer I-20/DS-2019 for you. J-1 students must also inform your J-1 program sponsor of your intention to transfer to the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Your transfer is completed when you report to International Student & Scholar Services (ISSS) on the University of Illinois. This must be done during New International Student Orientation Check-in (dates listed at the beginning of this form). You will not be able to begin on-campus employment at the University of Illinois more than 30 days prior to the beginning of classes.
- **Dependents accompanying a student:** Present forms for each dependent traveling with you to the U.S. consulate.
- **Full course of study requirement:** To remain in status, you will be required to enroll as a full-time student. Contact your program office for information regarding course registration requirements for full-time study. Please be advised that failure to complete registration by the 10<sup>th</sup> day of each semester (Fall and Spring) may result in your SEVIS record termination, and expulsion from the U.S.
- **Dependents' eligibility to register for courses:** Dependents in F-2 status who wish to enroll in the University of Illinois must obtain student visa status (F-1) prior to enrollment. Dependents in J-2 status are allowed to study; however, they may wish to change to J-1 status. If you are unsure of how to change your status, we suggest that you contact International Student & Scholar Services (ISSS) at (217) 333-1303 for information.

**Note:** International Student & Scholar Services (ISSS) assesses a mandatory new student charge. For more information, please refer to the ISSS web site: [www.ips.uiuc.edu/iss](http://www.ips.uiuc.edu/iss) GPA, Graduate College, BEK 2/24/2009