



CHECKLIST FOR ADMISSION OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS WHO ARE REQUESTING F-1 VISAS (I-20s)

For more information on the international process visit aurora.edu/international.

Application Deadlines: Fall semester (August-December): June 1
Spring semester (January-May): October 1

Application Process for International Students:

_____ Apply online at aurora.edu.

_____ **Official transcripts from schools attended in the United States** must be sent directly to the Office of Admission as part of the admission process. Undergraduate applicants must request official transcripts from all secondary and/or post-secondary schools. Graduate applicants must request official transcripts from all post-secondary schools.

_____ **Certified copies of all official transcripts** from international schools attended must be sent directly to the Office of Admission as part of the admission process.

_____ **Official certified evaluations** of all non-English academic transcripts from international schools attended must be evaluated by one of the following companies: [Educational Credential Evaluators, Inc. \(ECE\)](#); [World Education Service \(WES\)](#); [Center for Educational Documentation \(CED\)](#). Evaluations must be sent directly to the Office of Admission.

_____ **References** must be academic or professional based (All items are required).

_____ **1 Letter of Recommendation**

_____ **1 Personal Statement**

_____ **2 References providing contact information (email preferred)**

_____ **English competency test OR standardized test**

Official English competency test results (for non-English speaking countries and all graduate applications) Official scores must be sent directly to the Office of Admission. The minimum scores required for admission are as follows:

- TOEFL paper-based: 550 or higher
- TOEFL computer-based: 213 or higher
- TOEFL Internet-based: 79 or higher
- IELTS: 6.5 or higher

Official standardized test results (for English-speaking countries only)

Students must submit an official score report from the [American College Test \(ACT\)](#) – minimum composite score of 19 (online college code = 0950); or the [Scholastic Aptitude Test \(SAT\)](#) – minimum composite score of 910 (online college code = 1027).

_____ **Statement of Financial Resources** International students applying for an I-20 Student Visa must submit the [Statement of Financial Resources form](#) required by U.S. federal law. This form must be signed and notarized and be accompanied by an original letter from a bank official certifying the availability of funds for study at Aurora University.

_____ **Copy of Passport**

_____ **Copy of I-94** may be obtained online [here](#).

_____ **Copy of Visa** only if applicants are currently in the U.S. or holding a valid U.S. Visa.

_____ **Additional Documentation** for graduate applicants may be required. Please contact the Center for Adult and Graduate Studies at 630-844-5894 for more information.

****All materials must be received prior to the deadline date to be considered for admission to Aurora University. ****

**** Students requiring an I-20 will not be eligible for need-based financial aid.****

After you are admitted to AU, you will need to submit the following items before your I-20 will be issued:

- _____ **Medical Forms (Immunization Records)** All international students are required to submit a medical form (required by Illinois state law), with complete immunization records. Be sure to seek out medical insurance through a private vendor.
- _____ **Proof of International Medical Insurance** Proof of international medical insurance is required for all international students while at AU. Please provide a copy of your current medical insurance card. If you do not have international medical insurance please contact your AU admission counselor for assistance.
- _____ **\$1,000 non-refundable admission deposit** (applied to first semester's tuition payment)

Once admitted and receipt of the above required items:

- _____ **Form I-20** will qualify the non-immigrant applicant for an F-1 student visa. The I-20 will only be issued after the applicant has met all international application requirements and has been approved for admission to Aurora University, and has submitted all required medical forms, proof of medical insurance, and the deposit. The official I-20 will be mailed to the student. It is the student's responsibility to schedule an appointment with their embassy to obtain a visa before coming to the United States.
- _____ **Financial Aid** There is no need-based financial aid available for international students requiring an I-20 visa.
- _____ **Housing** is limited for qualified undergraduate students on the Aurora campus. Graduate students attending classes on the Aurora campus must seek housing off-campus.