



Immigration Reminders for Admission

Category	Why is it important regarding immigration matters?
Proof of Funding/Affidavit of Support	Proof of funding for study is required for F-1 students. We are required to list tuition & fees, living expenses, and other expenses that students could incur during a year of study at UAMS. It is important to have adequate proof of funding so that we can create the most accurate I-20 immigration document for the student. Note: We can only create an I-20 for the amount of funding that is shown at the time that the admission packet is given to our office. For example, if a doctoral student’s proof of funding is only adequate to 3 years, the I-20 can only be created for this time period. It can, however, be extended at a later date.
Proof of English Proficiency	Proof of adequate English proficiency is required in order to process an I-20 for a student. Specific information has to be included on the I-20 to verify that the student has adequate English proficiency. Programs should make sure that English proficiency requirements for their programs/Graduate School are met to ensure that immigration standards are upheld.
Visa Status and Study	If your applicant sends immigration documentation that you don’t understand or know anything about, please contact the Graduate School so that we might be able to help you figure out if someone is admissible to study or not. Certain visa types allow for study in a degree seeking program while others only allow study to be “recreational.”
Visa Status and Work Authorization	Before offering a stipend or any type of job to an international student please be sure that they are allowed to work in the U.S., as well as allowed to work at UAMS. Typically the best way to find this answer out is to ask the student if they are authorized to work in the U.S. Most applicants will be able to tell you yes or no but proper documentation should be provided before the applicant is awarded any type of employment.
Admission Packet and Offer Letter	In order to process any I-20 for your prospective student, we will need the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter of Acceptance from your program • Financial Statement covering the program length of study • Passport copy from student • Proof of English Proficiency based on your program’s requirements • Any other immigration information that might be submitted from the student

