

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

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SAMPLES OF COMPLETED VISA REQUEST FORM FINANCIAL CHARTS

The chart on the second page of the [Visa Request form](#) (VRF) asks you to indicate the amount of funding you will have available for each year of your graduate program. Below are examples of correctly completed charts that take into account both the source of funding and the duration of the graduate program, and represent the most common funding scenarios. If you do not see your source of funding below and you are not sure how to complete the funding chart, please contact us at askccas@gwu.edu.

Please note: like the VRF, this document uses *estimated* cost of attendance. The actual cost for a given year may be different from the amounts entered on the charts below (or on the VRF), based on *estimated* living costs and the tuition required by most of the University's graduate programs for the 2022- 2023 academic year. Some programs have non-standard tuition, resulting in amounts different from those listed below. Detailed information on tuition rates is available on the [Student Accounts website](#).

Master's Programs

Students pursuing a Master's degree must show at least two years of funding, completing the chart for both Year 1 and Year 2 of the program. If you indicate funding for only Year 1, your I-20 or DS-2019 request will not be approved.

Self-Support

The chart below is appropriate for Master's students who are relying solely on their own funds to support their studies. In this case the financial document will need to show sufficient funds for the total amount of the two years (\$115,940), in the student's name:

SOURCE OF FUNDS	AMOUNTS IN U.S. DOLLARS				
	<i>(must be provided for estimated length of program)</i>				
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
SELF - SUPPORT	\$ 57,970.00	57,970.00			
FAMILY/INDIVIDUAL SPONSOR	\$				
GOVERNMENT/AGENCY SPONSOR	\$				
GW	\$				
OTHER (specify)	\$				
TOTAL					
Totals must equal or exceed the University's estimate of expenses for each calendar year you plan to attend.	\$ 57,970.00	57,970.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Family/Individual Sponsor

The chart below shows funding for a Master's student who will receive full support from a family member or other individual sponsor. In this case, the financial document will need to show liquid funds sufficient to cover *at least* Year 1 (\$57,970):

SOURCE OF FUNDS	AMOUNTS IN U.S. DOLLARS				
	<i>(must be provided for estimated length of program)</i>				
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
SELF - SUPPORT	\$				
FAMILY/INDIVIDUAL SPONSOR	\$ 57,970.00	57,970.00			
GOVERNMENT/AGENCY SPONSOR	\$				
GW	\$				
OTHER (specify)	\$				
TOTAL					
Totals must equal or exceed the University's estimate of expenses for each calendar year you plan to attend.	\$ 57,970.00	57,970.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Combining Sources of Funding - Sample 1

The chart below shows funding for a Master's student who will rely on a combination of self-support and family/individual sponsor support. Please note: the combined funds must meet or exceed the minimum required amount for each year of the program. A similar approach should be used when combining funds from other funding sources. In this case, the financial document in the student's name must show \$20,000 in liquid funds; the document in the sponsor's name must show funds *at least* equivalent to the sponsor's share of Year 1 (\$47,970):

SOURCE OF FUNDS	AMOUNTS IN U.S. DOLLARS				
	<i>(must be provided for estimated length of program)</i>				
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
SELF - SUPPORT	\$ 10,000.00	10,000.00			
FAMILY/INDIVIDUAL SPONSOR	\$ 47,970.00	47,970.00			
GOVERNMENT/AGENCY SPONSOR	\$				
GW	\$				
OTHER (specify)	\$				
TOTAL					
Totals must equal or exceed the University's estimate of expenses for each calendar year you plan to attend.	\$ 57,970.00	57,970.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Combining Sources of Funding - Sample 2

The chart below shows funding for a Master's student using a combination of self-support, family/individual sponsor support, and non-renewable* GWU award. The combined funds must meet or exceed the minimum required amount for each year of the program. A similar approach should be used when combining funds from any other sources. In this case, the financial document in the student's name must show \$20,000 in liquid funds; the document in the sponsor's name must show funds *at least* equivalent to the sponsor's share of Year 1 (\$37,970):

SOURCE OF FUNDS	AMOUNTS IN U.S. DOLLARS (must be provided for estimated length of program)				
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
SELF - SUPPORT	\$ 10,000.00	10,000.00			
FAMILY/INDIVIDUAL SPONSOR	\$ 37,970.00	47,970.00			
GOVERNMENT/AGENCY SPONSOR	\$				
GW	\$ 10,000.00				
OTHER (specify)	\$				
TOTAL Totals must equal or exceed the University's estimate of expenses for each calendar year you plan to attend.	\$ 57,970.00	57,970.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Combining Sources of Funding - Sample 3

The chart below shows funding for a Master's student who will rely on a combination of self-support, family/individual sponsor support, and renewable* GWU award. The combined funds must meet or exceed the minimum required amount for each year of the program. In this case, the financial document in the student's name must show \$20,000 in liquid funds; the document in the sponsor's name must show funds *at least* equivalent to the sponsor's share of Year 1 (\$39,970):

SOURCE OF FUNDS	AMOUNTS IN U.S. DOLLARS (must be provided for estimated length of program)				
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
SELF - SUPPORT	\$ 10,000.00	10,000.00			
FAMILY/INDIVIDUAL SPONSOR	\$ 39,970.00	39,970.00			
GOVERNMENT/AGENCY SPONSOR	\$				
GW	\$ 8,000.00	8,000.00			
OTHER (specify)	\$				
TOTAL Totals must equal or exceed the University's estimate of expenses for each calendar year you plan to attend.	\$ 57,970.00	57,970.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Doctoral Programs

Doctoral programs typically require five years of study. Accordingly, the required amount of funding should be indicated on the chart for Year 1 through Year 5. If you have funding for only four years, you should contact the school to which you are applying to determine if four years of study would be sufficient for completion of your program.

GWU Doctoral Funding

The chart below shows how to complete the chart for doctoral students who have been offered a tuition/stipend/assistantship package by GWU:

SOURCE OF FUNDS	AMOUNTS IN U.S. DOLLARS (must be provided for estimated length of program)				
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
SELF - SUPPORT	\$				
FAMILY/INDIVIDUAL SPONSOR	\$				
GOVERNMENT/AGENCY SPONSOR	\$				
GW	\$ 57,970.00	57,970.00	57,970.00	57,970.00	57,970.00
OTHER (specify) _____	\$				
TOTAL Totals must equal or exceed the University's estimate of expenses for each calendar year you plan to attend.	\$ 57,970.00	57,970.00	57,970.00	57,970.00	57,970.00

Self-Support

This chart is appropriate for doctoral students who are relying solely on their own funds to support their studies. In this example, the financial document in the student's name must show *at least* \$57,970 x 5 in liquid funds available, or \$289,850:

SOURCE OF FUNDS	AMOUNTS IN U.S. DOLLARS (must be provided for estimated length of program)				
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
SELF - SUPPORT	\$ 57,970.00	57,970.00	57,970.00	57,970.00	57,970.00
FAMILY/INDIVIDUAL SPONSOR	\$				
GOVERNMENT/AGENCY SPONSOR	\$				
GW	\$				
OTHER (specify) _____	\$				
TOTAL Totals must equal or exceed the University's estimate of expenses for each calendar year you plan to attend.	\$ 57,970.00	57,970.00	57,970.00	57,970.00	57,970.00

Family/Individual Sponsor

This chart shows funding for doctoral students who will receive full support from a family member or other individual sponsor. In the sample below, the financial document in the sponsor's name must show **at least** \$57,970 in liquid funds:

SOURCE OF FUNDS	AMOUNTS IN U.S. DOLLARS <i>(must be provided for estimated length of program)</i>				
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
SELF - SUPPORT	\$				
FAMILY/INDIVIDUAL SPONSOR	\$ 57,970.00	57,970.00	57,970.00	57,970.00	57,970.00
GOVERNMENT/AGENCY SPONSOR	\$				
GW	\$				
OTHER (specify)	\$				
TOTAL Totals must equal or exceed the University's estimate of expenses for each calendar year you plan to attend.	\$ 57,970.00	57,970.00	57,970.00	57,970.00	57,970.00

Combining Sources of Funding

The chart below shows funding for doctoral students who will rely on a combination of self-support and family/individual sponsor support. Please note that the combined funds must meet or exceed the minimum required amount for each year of the program. A similar approach should be used when combining funds from other funding sources. In the below case, the financial document in the student's name must show at least \$50,000, while the document in the family sponsor's name must show at least the sponsor amount for Year 1 (\$47,970):

SOURCE OF FUNDS	AMOUNTS IN U.S. DOLLARS <i>(must be provided for estimated length of program)</i>				
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
SELF - SUPPORT	\$ 10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
FAMILY/INDIVIDUAL SPONSOR	\$ 47,970.00	47,970.00	47,970.00	47,970.00	47,970.00
GOVERNMENT/AGENCY SPONSOR	\$				
GW	\$				
OTHER (specify)	\$				
TOTAL Totals must equal or exceed the University's estimate of expenses for each calendar year you plan to attend.	\$ 57,970.00	57,970.00	57,970.00	57,970.00	57,970.00

SPECIAL SOURCES OF FUNDING:

GOVERNMENT/AGENCY SPONSOR: A student will use this line on the chart if funded by a governmental organization or by another (non-commercial) national or international organization.

OTHER: This is rare. A student might use this line if s/he will be sponsored by a private sector company. Special additional documents are required in this case; please email askccas@gwu.edu with any questions.

LOANS: If the loan is in the student's name, the amount of the loan is considered as "self support" funds (line 1). If the loan is in a family member's name, it is considered as "family sponsor" funds. **Loans should not be listed on the "Other" line.**

GENERAL NOTES

1. The downloadable [Visa Request Form](#) (VRF) on the CCAS website includes a third page with detailed information about the total amounts to use for specific programs. Please be sure to use the VRF for the year in which you will be studying. The form is updated each February with new amounts for the following Fall/Spring semesters.
2. REMINDER: As noted earlier, the amounts shown in the charts in this document and the one on the VRF are based on *estimated* cost of attendance. The actual cost for a given year may be different depending on your living costs, and the tuition rate for your program.

NOTES on GWU FUNDING:

1. If you are receiving GWU funding, your funding letter will specify whether it is non-renewable or renewable – and, if renewable, for how many years.
2. If you are receiving a doctoral funding package that combines full tuition plus assistantship/stipend, you should simply use the pre-calculated total amount to complete the chart, rather than adding up the specific amounts.