

## **International Student Applicant:**

We are excited about your interest in attending North Greenville University Graduate School to continue your education. As an international student, not only must you be accepted as a student through the Graduate Academic Services Office, you must also obtain an I-20 through the same Graduate Academic Services Office. The I-20 is the form that provides you the opportunity to enter the United States as a student. However, in order to process the I-20, the following documents are required:

- 1. TOEFL score of 550 paper based and 213 computer based or an appeal for exemption. This applies to applicants from countries where English is not the primary language spoken.
- 2. Post–secondary studies transcript which must be evaluated through WES (World Education Service). This has an accompanying cost and is to be paid by the applicant.
- 3. A letter from the student's or sponsor's bank certifying sufficient funds to provide financial support **along with** a completed and notarized Affidavit of Support form.
- 4. All the required application forms for the course of study (Please <u>click here</u> to download the forms)

Each of the documents noted must be accurately completed in full in order to process the I-20. Please pay particular attention to the **Affidavit of Support** as this document will be used to verify your financial support.

You must also show evidence of support equal to or greater than the cost of living, tuition, and the associated costs of attending school for the first year. Please access the supporting document labeled *Financial Information and Program Cost* to view the estimated costs to assist you in determining the total amount of support needed. Please note that this support may come from your own bank account, friends, family or church. Therefore, you may make as many copies of the Affidavit of Support as is needed.

We strongly recommend that you finalize your accommodation and transportation needs prior to confirming your travel arrangements into the United States. While there is a bus service that operates in some parts of Greenville, we do not have a bus service that operates in or around our Graduate Campus. In addition, North Greenville University does not have the facility for Graduate students to live on campus. Please bear these in mind as you consider your living accommodations and mobility needs to get to and from classes. We do require that you share your finalized accommodation arrangements with us prior to arriving in the United States.

In order to make your arrival at NGU Graduate School as smooth as possible, please communicate your travel arrangements through e-mail. The e-mail communication should be addressed to <u>graduatestudies@ngu.edu</u>

We hope that you are as excited as we are about this new leg of your journey at the NGU Graduate School. If you require any assistance in completing the forms, please do not hesitate to call us at (864) 877-3052 or email graduatestudies@ngu.edu

In Christ,

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