

Instructions for Certification of Finances
For Study at Southern Methodist University
For Students Requiring U.S. Visa
 Academic Year 2005-2006

This form is required for declaring and certifying your financial resources for study at Southern Methodist University and **must be on file here before** we can consider your application for admission completed or issue visa eligibility. **This statement must be signed and notarized by proper officials, or there must be a signed and notarized statement from your bank enclosed. Please complete the attached form and return it with your application.**

As an International Student in the United States, you are responsible for all immediate expenses including cost of living, medical, dental and education expenses required for your course of study. Therefore, your total financial need must be met by personal resources, a sponsoring agency, or an SMU academic scholarship. **Financial aid through the School of Engineering at SMU is available only through your academic department.** Please Note: Students who are eligible for assistantships or scholarships must also complete and return this form.

Consider carefully the figures given for cost of study. These are **minimum** expenses you may expect while studying at SMU. You should be prepared for an increase in expenses during your degree program (5% to 8% annually).



Estimated Cost for Study at Southern Methodist University Academic year 2005-06 in US \$

	<u>Single</u>	<u>Married Couple</u>
Tuition \$722 per hour, Fees \$127 per hour (Based on 9 hours spring, 9 hours fall)	\$15,282.00	\$15,282.00
*Room and Board for on-campus housing Double occupancy/unlimited meal plan	8,600.00	
1 Bedroom apartment/2 14 meals plans		12,073.00
SMU Health Insurance	1,148.00	4,270.00***
Health Center Fees (\$110 per semester)	240.00	240.00
Books and Supplies	300.00	300.00
Misc. expenses	<u>2,000.00</u>	<u>2,500.00</u>
Total estimated expenses	\$27,570.00	\$34,665.00

Please Note:

1. Health insurance is required as a mandatory condition of University enrollment. At SMU we have a group Insurance plan with the United Group Insurance Company and this coverage must be purchased upon arrival at the University. ***Students with children, add \$1,134.00 per child. All children must have insurance.
2. If you do not plan to attend summer school but you do plan to remain in the U.S., you will need to cover your Summer expenses. Check to see if your assistantship covers you for 12 months or only 9 months. Remember, unauthorized off campus employment is not available during your first calendar year in the U.S.
3. Payment for all tuition/fees must be made at the time you register each semester. You should plan to arrive with at least \$8,000 US dollars (traveler's checks are best) for immediate expenses. Be sure to include travel expenses in your financial planning.

Please keep this form for your records

