

# STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING (for international graduate applicants)

**Important:** You must fill out this form and return it with your completed application for admission.

*Instructions:* After reading this brochure, please read the statements below carefully. You must agree to each of these statements before you will be considered for admission.

1. I understand that if English is not my native language<sup>1</sup>, I must take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL).
2. I understand that if I am admitted to the university, I may be tested again for my English proficiency prior to registration at the university. On the basis of these scores, I understand I will be placed in the appropriate English courses for international students.
3. I understand that I must make my own arrangements for housing. (To reserve a room in a University of Houston dormitory, I must apply to the director of housing several months before the semester begins.)
4. I have read and understand all admission procedures. I understand that all documents and materials relating to my admission should be forwarded to the Office of Admissions<sup>1</sup>. I also understand that the \$75 application fee is not refundable and that my application will not be processed without the fee.
5. I understand that I must give written permission to the University of Houston for anyone other than myself to request information about the status of my application and/or admission status.
6. I understand that I must check with the department of my major for additional fee and requirements.
7. I understand that if I am unable to attend the University of Houston for the semester in which I am approved, a written request and an additional application fee must be submitted in order to update my file.
8. I understand that I must arrive in time to attend the one-week orientation for nonimmigrant international students; the cost of the orientation is \$50 U.S.
9. I understand that I must pay the international student insurance fee for medical/hospitalization coverage. Exemptions are made only for those with proof of a currently valid policy showing a minimum of \$50,000 U.S. coverage, including insurance for repatriation and medical evacuation.
10. I understand that I must submit proof of my prior degree conferred before the end of the first semester I am enrolled at UH.
11. I understand that I must have \$16,502 U.S. available for my first year of study. This amount includes living expenses for 12 months. If attending summer school, add \$3,294 for summer tuition. Of this amount, I must have a minimum of \$5,000 U.S. in my possession to meet initial expenses when I arrive in Houston. I am advised to carry this in the form of traveler's checks.
12. I understand I must accept visa restrictions which prohibit off-campus employment.
13. I agree to arrive in Houston on or before the date specified on the I-20 form or IAP-66. If I cannot arrive on time, I must request in writing that my application be considered for a subsequent semester and pay an additional fee.
14. I understand I must allow five weeks processing time.
15. I understand my application will be processed only when the University of Houston's Office of Admissions has received the application fee. If no fee is received, I will be notified only once of the missing fee.
16. I have read and understand the university requirements stated in this brochure.

If you agree to fulfill all of the requirements as stated above, please sign below.

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>1</sup>Students from Australia, the Bahamas, Belize, the British Isles, English-speaking Canadian provinces, the Fiji Islands, Jamaica, Liberia, New Zealand, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Trinidad, the United States, the Virgin Islands, the West Indies and Zimbabwe are exempt from taking the TOEFL with exceptions as listed under the English Proficiency Requirements.

<sup>2</sup>See exceptions on pages 6-8.

## LETTER OF FINANCIAL BACKING (nonimmigrant students only)

**Note:** This form must be updated every six months. (The I-134 is valid for one year.)

The University of Houston requires confirmation of financial resources for each applicant who is not a U.S. citizen. This statement must be completed and on file with the university prior to the release of immigration documents. Please print all information. The University of Houston reserves the right to request bank statements as supporting documentation. (NOTE: If self-sponsoring, you must include a recent bank statement showing assets of the \$16,502<sup>1</sup> amount times the number of years you will be attending. i.e. two (2) years for Master's and three (3) for Doctorate)

This is to certify that I will assume full financial responsibility (a minimum of \$16,502<sup>1</sup> U.S. per year) for the support of

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Name of Student \_\_\_\_\_  
while attending the University of Houston.

Social Security number or  
UH identification number

Country of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth of Student \_\_\_\_\_

Country of Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's Signature<sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

Date Sponsor's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's Relationship to Student \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>1</sup>These figures are subject to change without notification. This amount includes living expenses for 12 months. If attending summer school, add \$3,294 for summer tuition.

<sup>2</sup>To be signed by the student only when self-sponsoring. This information is necessary for the Certificate of Eligibility (I-20) form.

## PERMISSION RELEASE

In order to protect your privacy rights, the Office of International Admissions requires that all students give written permission specifying the person(s) who may have access to the information concerning the status of his or her application and/or admission to the University of Houston.

If you wish to designate someone access to this information, please complete the information below:

I, \_\_\_\_\_, give \_\_\_\_\_

(print your name) (print name of friend or relative)

permission to request information concerning the status of my application and/or admission status to the University of Houston. I further give permission to the University of Houston to release this information to this person upon request. I understand that the above named person(s) must show proof of picture identification when requesting information in person. I also understand that if the information is requested by telephone by this person, complete information as to my 1) full name, 2) student number, 3) date of birth and 4) complete address must be stated in order for any information to be released from our office to the designated person.<sup>1</sup>

\_\_\_\_\_ (your signature)

\_\_\_\_\_ (your student number)

\_\_\_\_\_ (date)

<sup>1</sup>Confidentiality rights are not applicable to telephone inquiries.