

## J Scholar Financial Support Requirements

All J-1 Exchange Visitors must show sufficient funding to cover the duration of their J Program for themselves and any J-2 dependents. The minimum **monthly** funding requirements are: **\$1800 for the J-1 + \$500 for a J-2 spouse + \$300 for each J-2 child.**

All funding documents must be:

- Dated within the past 6 months
- Converted to U.S. dollars using an [online currency converter](#) (attach a printout showing both currency values) **IF amount is not already converted to US dollars in the original funding document.**
- Translated into English (include both the original language funding document and the translation)

### J Scholar Funding Table

Category	How to Calculate	Funding Source / Examples	Documents to Verify (should include)
<b>Program Sponsor Funds</b>	Stipend: Use full amount For Salary: Calculate based on length of appointment. <i>See reverse side for example</i>	UC Berkeley salary, grant, honorarium, per diem, stipend, or endowment  Affiliate funding (GTU, ICSI)	Appointment letter (amount, dates, percentage, authorized signature)  For Visiting Scholars or Visiting Student Researchers, see <a href="#">VSPA checklist &amp; Disbursements Form</a>
<b>Other Organization Funds</b>	Calculate based on length of program.  Only include funding for living expenses (do not include funding for travel, health insurance or research materials). Use lower end of range if there is a range. <i>See reverse for example.</i>	Home university salary, stipend, or paid sabbatical leave  Home country salary, travel grant, etc. (see <a href="#">Employer Funding Letter Template</a> )  Scholarships & fellowships	Official award letter (amount of funding, dates of funding, signature, any additional details of agreement)
<b>Personal Funds</b>	Use minimum monthly requirement regardless of bank statement amount: Scholar is \$1800 + \$500 spouse + \$300 per child.  <i>See reverse for example.</i>	Self-Supported Sponsor (friends, family)	Personal Bank account/letter (with bank logo or letterhead)  Sponsor's Bank Account (with <a href="#">Guarantee of Financial Support Form</a> )

## Calculation Scenarios

### Program Sponsor Funds- Example (When appt. isn't for entire year)

Funding letter explains that the scholar will receive \$54,000 annual salary from UC Berkeley. The scholar's appt. is for 9 months.

**Calculation:** Divide \$54,000 by 12 months to equal \$4,500. Then multiply \$4,500 by 9 months to equal \$40,500. **\$40,500** should then be added to ISD as the funding total.

### Other Organization Funds- Example (When appt. isn't quite 6 months)

Employer letter states that scholar will receive their monthly salary from their home employer (already converted to USD) of \$3200. The scholar's appt. is 5.75 months according to the ISD history tab.

**Calculation:** Multiply \$3,200 by 5.75 to equal \$18,400. **\$18,400** should then be added to ISD as the funding total.

### Multiple Funding Sources- Example (Funding Range)

Scholar receives funding from the China Scholarship Council indicating a range of \$1300-\$1700 per month for one year appt.

**Calculation:** If there is a funding range, we accept the minimum funding amount, \$1300. Since appt. is for one year and the scholar will not bring dependents, \$1300 is multiplied by 12 months to equal **\$15,600**. **\$15,600** should be added to ISD under government funding

*\*Note: As the minimum requirement for a one year program for a scholar with no dependents is \$19,200, additional funding will be needed. This example is just to show how to calculate a funding range.*

### Multiple Funding Sources- Example (Funding under Other)

Scholar receives a grant from the university where they work for \$1700 per month for a one year appt to equal \$20,400. Scholar will also continue to receive their annual salary of \$24,000.

**Calculation:** Since appt. is for one year, both \$20,400 and \$24,000 are added together since both are under the same funding category to equal \$44,400. **\$44,400** should be added to ISD as the funding total and the name of the scholar's university should be added as the funding source in ISD.

### Multiple Funding Sources- Example (Other and Personal)

Scholarship letter for scholar shows an award amount of \$18,000 for an entire year of research at UC Berkeley. Minimum requirement of funding for one year for the scholar is \$21,600 (1800 x 12).

**Calculation:** Since scholar needs to show they have an additional \$3,600 (21,600 - 18,000), scholar provides a bank statement showing \$5,600. Although scholar has \$5,600 in the bank, we only add \$3,600 in the personal funds tab in ISD because that is all that is needed.

**For personal funds only, list the amount needed to meet the minimum funding requirement.**

### Personal Funds- Example

Scholar has an 18 month appointment and provides a bank statement showing \$90,000 USD.

**Calculation:** Since we only add the minimum monthly requirement of \$1800 for personal funds if scholar has no dependents, the total for 18 months would be \$32,400 (\$1800 x 18). Despite the total in the bank statement, **\$32,400** should be added as the funding amount in ISD.

### Extension- Example

Scholar's original appt. was for one year as a Postdoc Employee with an annual salary of \$50,316. The scholar's appt. is being extended for an additional year with an annual salary \$54,000.

**Calculation:** Since funding should be included for the entire length of the program, \$50,316 and \$54,000 are added together to equal \$104,316. **\$104,316** should be added to Program Sponsor Funds in ISD.