



Proof of Financial Support Instructions

France 2012-13

The French Consulate requires that you show proof that you have access to a minimum of \$820 per month that you will be in France. This requirement can be met by a single source of financial support or by a combination of sources until fulfilled.

- STEP 1:** Determine your financial support source below, and follow the corresponding directions to obtain the required supporting documents to bring to your visa appointment.
 - **Self Supporting with savings:** If you are self supporting and have access to the product of at least \$820 multiplied by the number of months you will be in France, bring your most recent bank statement (no older than 30 days), showing your full name and your account balance. You may instead submit an original, signed letter from your bank verifying the required amount. The bank account must be in your name.
 - **Self Supporting with Financial Aid/Scholarship:** If you receive financial aid (including scholarships), contact your UC Financial Aid Office to obtain an original financial aid award letter that includes the following information: your full name; the exact amount and duration of the award you will receive; and the amount of financial resources that will be available *after* your UCEAP fees have been paid (remaining aid). You will need to show that *after* your UCEAP fees have been paid, you will have access to at least \$820 of remaining aid *per month* that you will be in France. If it is too early for your Financial Aid Office to create a statement for next year, ask them to write and sign a letter stating your name and the amount you are expected to receive.
 - **Parental/Other Support:** If a parent/guardian/other will support you while abroad, have this person complete a *Financial Guarantee Form* (found in your Predeparture Checklist) and have it notarized. You will also need to submit to the consulate your guarantor's most recent bank statement (no older than 30 days), which must show a balance of at least \$820 multiplied by the number of months you will spend in France, plus enough money necessary for the guarantor to support his/herself here in the U.S. (the consulate recommends this should be an additional \$820/month). The name on the bank statement must match the name on the Financial Guarantee Form.
 - **Combination of Sources:** If you will use a combination of your own finances, financial aid, and/or parental support, you will need to submit the required supporting documents for all forms of support (see the directions above). The total amount available must be at least the product of \$820 multiplied by the number of months you will spend in France.
- STEP 2:** Make **two** photocopies of each original document.
- STEP 3:** Submit one original and one photocopy of each required document to the consulate as part of your visa application. Bring the other photocopies with you to France.