



BIOLA UNIVERSITY **Biola University Graduate Programs**
Pre-Application for International Applicants

If you are seeking to study at one of Biola University's Graduate programs on an F-1 student visa we require that you first submit preliminary information concerning your educational background and financial resources. This form must be completed in full and signed before we can process an Application for Admission. Please answer all questions completely and honestly. Unsigned or uncompleted forms will not be processed. Applicants wishing to be considered for University financial assistance must submit this form no later than **February 1 for preferred consideration**. F-1 students are not eligible for Spring Admission, with the exception of F-1 transfers, ELSP students, and D.Min. applicants.

I. Personal Information

 Last Name or Surname First or Given Name Middle Name Gender

 Address

 Address

 Phone Number Email

 Date of Birth Number of Family Members Coming With You

 Country of Birth Country of Citizenship

II. Visa Status

What is your current US visa status?

____ Permanent Resident (card #) _____

____ Student (F-1)

Other (Please Specify): _____ expiration: _____

III. Term of Entry

*Term: Fall (year) _____ Program of Study _____

_____ School _____

IV. Conversion & Christian Growth

1. Do you know Christ as your personal Savior? Yes [] No [] Date of conversion? _____

2. Are you now a member of a church? Yes [] No []

Denomination _____ How often do you attend? _____

V. Education information

1. Have you completed or will you complete your four-year University degree?

Yes [] No [] _____
Degree

_____ Name of School _____ Date or Projected Date of Graduation

Is this school accredited by your country's Ministry of Education and/or a Regional Theological Accreditation body?

Yes [] No [] _____
Accrediting Body

2. Please list any degrees you have earned or will earn past your Bachelors.

Degree	School	Accrediting Body

VI. TOEFL

A TOEFL score is requested of all applicants for whom English is not their first language.* TOEFL is not a requirement but highly recommended for ELSP applicants. For further information on TOEFL requirements please consult the University web site at <http://www.biola.edu/grad/international/>.

What is your First Language? _____

Type of TOEFL Taken:

IBT	_____	Score	_____
Computerized	_____	Score	_____
Written Score	_____	Score	_____

_____ I have not yet taken the TOEFL. My registered test date is: _____

_____ I have not taken the TOEFL and **I am an ELSP applicant.**

*For Doctor of Ministry applicants, please contact the Doctor of Ministry Department regarding the TOEFL and its use for D.Min. admissions purposes.

VII. Financial Information

Studying in the United States is expensive, and Biola University is no exception. The following worksheet is intended to demonstrate to the University that you have the resources necessary to successfully complete your desired program.

- > Please use the attached Cost Sheet to help estimate the Total Annual Cost of your educational program (Tuition, Living Expenses, Other Costs).
- > After doing so, complete the worksheet below using US dollar amounts to indicate how you intend to finance your educational program.
- > Please note that you must demonstrate a clear and realistic financial plan before Biola University can begin consideration of your application.
- > Please also note that although some University financial aid may be available, this aid, if granted, is limited and you will be responsible to provide the majority, if not all, of the necessary costs.

- > Actual level of University financial assistance will be determined during the application process.

- > Students wishing to be considered for University financial assistance should submit this form before **February 1**.
- > The University does not guarantee to provide financial assistance to all applicants.

Worksheet 1: Total Annual Cost

I. Tuition Cost	\$ _____	/yr _____
II. Living Expenses	\$ _____	/yr _____
III. Other Costs	\$ _____	/yr _____
Total Annual Cost	\$ _____	/yr _____

Worksheet 2: Financial Plan

Sources of Support in US Dollars Only	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five
Personal Savings					
Family and/or Sponsor					
Church					
Missions Agency					
Outside Agencies					
Governmental Aid					
University Aid					
Other (Please Specify):					
TOTAL					

VIII. Signature Verification

I have carefully read, understood and completed in full the preceding document. The information I have supplied is as accurate and honest as possible.

Applicant's Name (Print) _____

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

**Appendix A:
2012-2013 Financial Cost Sheet**

Total Annual Cost is estimated as the combined total of *Tuition Costs*, *Living Expenses (Including Dependents)*, and *Other Costs*. *Affidavits of Support must demonstrate coverage of this amount per year for the duration of your program*. If you intend to support yourself from your own personal finances you must demonstrate enough funds to cover the total duration of your program at the time of application. This amount can be determined by multiplying your total annual cost by the number of years required for your program.

I. TUITION COSTS (2012-2013)*

<u>Talbot School of Theology</u>	Cost	Total Units	Average Length of Program
M.A. Programs	\$501/unit	66 units	3 years
M.Div.	\$501/unit	98 units	5 years
Ph.D. in Christian Education	\$929/unit	60 units	5 years
Doctor of Ministry	\$2,142/sem.	4 Years	4 years
<u>Rosemead School of Psychology</u>			
Doctor of Philosophy	\$11,204/sem.(9-16 units)	133 units	5 years
Doctor of Psychology	\$11,204/sem.(9-16 units)	133 units	5 years
<u>School of Intercultural Studies</u>			
M.A. Intercultural Studies	\$501/unit	42 units	3 years
M.A. TESOL	\$501/unit	32 units	2 years
M.A. Applied Linguistics	\$501/unit	33 units	2 years
Ph.D. in Intercultural Education	\$981/unit	60 units	5 years
Doctor of Missiology	\$981/unit	35 units	3 years
<u>School of Arts & Sciences</u>			
M.A. in Christian Apologetics	\$501/unit	36 units	2 years
M.A. in Science and Religion	\$501/unit	39 units	2 years

Please Note:

International Students must take 9 or more units per semester (18/year) in order to maintain their F-1 Student Visa. Additional units and cost may apply if prerequisites or foundational units are not met.

II. Estimated LIVING EXPENSES*

Student	\$9,000/yr
Spouse	\$10,000/yr
Child	\$4,000/yr

III. OTHER COSTS*

Other Costs: Health Insurance (required for student only), books, supplies and professional development fees, etc. \$2,500/yr

Rosemead students only (personal growth fee): \$1,200/yr

*All tuition and expenses are subject to change

Appendix B:
Important Information for International Applicants

I. Applying for Admission as an International Student at Biola University

1. Complete and submit the attached *Pre-Application for International Students*
2. After Pre-Application for International Students is **approved**, complete and submit your desired program's *Application for Admission*.
3. Admissions decisions for most programs are typically ready within 2-3 weeks of completion of Application for Admission.

II. Application Timeline of Important Dates

Timeline: It is in your best interest to complete your application as early as possible. The most successful international applicants are those who begin their applications up to *1 year* before their intended term of enrollment. Please familiarize yourself with the following timeline of important dates.

- Oct 1- Feb 1** **Pre-Application Period:** Applicants should submit their pre-application form during this time period for preferred processing and consideration for financial assistance. Approval of Pre-Applications typically takes 2-3 weeks. Please note: During Christmas break (December-January), this process could take up to 4-6 weeks.
- Feb 2 – Mar 15** **Application Period A:** Applicants who have had their Pre-Application forms approved should submit their Application for Admission with all required documents, as well as any applications for University Financial Aid during their period for processing.
- Apr 15** **Financial Aid Award Notifications:** Approved applications for University Financial Aid will be notified.
- Mar 16 - June 1** **Application Period B:** Applicants who have had their Pre-Application approved and who did not submit their Application for Admission prior to March 15 must submit their Application for Admission with all required documents during this period in order to be considered for admission into the University.
- International Deadline:** Applicants for these programs must complete their applications by the program specific deadline. No applications will be considered for these programs if received or completed after these program specific deadlines.

Rosemead (All Programs)	1-Jan
Talbot PhD/EdD	15-Apr
Institute for Spiritual Formation (All Programs)	15-Apr
PhD Intercultural Education	31-Jan

Once Accepted: The following is a brief list of basic requirements and arrangements international applicants are responsible for following acceptance. Additional requirements and arrangements may apply depending on country of citizenship. Please consult your US embassy for details.

A. International deposit and I-20: Once an international applicant has been accepted they must submit an International Student Deposit of \$2,000 to the University. Once this deposit is received the I-20 can be issued. I-20's are typically issued within 2-3 weeks from receipt of deposit.

B. Obtain F-1 Student Visa: Scheduling a visa appointment, sitting for a successful appointment, and obtaining the actual visa can take some time. Actual length of time varies from country to country. A six-month waiting period for a visa interview is not entirely uncommon in some countries.

C. Relocation and New Student Orientation: All new international students must attend International Student Orientation which is typically held the week prior to the beginning of school. Please ask for exact dates. Current US regulations allow F-1 Student Visa holders to enter the US up to 30 days prior to the start date indicated on his/her I-20. Housing arrangements, food, transportation, and all other relocation arrangements are the responsibility of the accepted student.