INFORMATION FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Once you have accepted admission to an academic program, you can apply for the I-20 Certificate of Eligibility for the F-1 student visa. In order to be eligible for the I-20, it is necessary to prove that you have enough financial support for tuition and living expenses for the first academic year.

Estimated Expenses
Tuition fees vary from academic program to program. Living expenses are estimated at $21,600 per twelve month academic year. In order to receive the I-20, a student must show proof of financial support for both tuition and living expenses. Rush University requires that all students have hospitalization insurance. Insurance for the next academic year will cost $2,700.

Married students: If you are accompanied by dependents, your living expenses will increase. The living expenses (housing, food, transportation) for a spouse (husband or wife) are approximately one-half those of a student; expenses for children are typically one-quarter those of a student.

Financial Proof
The proof of financial support can be in the form of the student's personal bank statement, a letter from an agency, government or employer offering to provide the student's tuition and living expenses. Students may also get support from a family member or another sponsor.

If support is obtained from a family member or another sponsor, there must be a letter from the sponsor stating that they will cover the student's expenses. An original bank statement, indicating adequate funding must accompany this letter. Bank statements must be originals and written in English. We will not accept any statement that is over 3 months old.

F-1 Visa Application
To obtain your F-1 student visa, contact the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate for complete information about specific application requirements, procedures, hours of operation and length of required processing time. This information can usually be found on the Consulate's website.
Generally, you will need the following:

- Form I-20
- Letter of admission to Rush University
- Financial documents you submitted to Rush University as evidence of financial support
- Passport
- Two passport format photographs
- Forms DS-156, DS-157 (for males 16-45 years of age) Form DS-158
- Required visa fee
- SEVIS fee receipt

For detailed information about the visa application process, go to
http://travel.state.gov/visa/temp/types/types_1268.html

Transfer from U.S. School
If you are transferring from another institution in the United States, the following is required:

- Request a transfer form from International Services at Rush University and give it to your current International Advisor. Discuss with the Advisor at your current school the date you plan to transfer to Rush.
- Your current Advisor will enter your transfer date into SEVIS.
- Your Advisor must forward the transfer form to the International Office at Rush. This can be mailed or faxed.
- On your transfer date, we can prepare an I-20 for your study at Rush.