

TTUHSC International Student Procedures

F1 students:

A student must show financial support by any of the means below:

1. Student can support themselves. Required documents:
 - a. Student must submit a copy of their bank statement.
 - b. Sponsor statement (letter) is needed.
2. Student can have a sponsor. Required documents:
 - a. Student must submit a copy of the sponsor's bank statement.
 - b. A letter stating their intent to financially sponsor.
3. Student can be on assistantship or scholarship.
 - a. An award letter and/or a letter detailing assistantship is required from the Admission Department.

Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences	\$51,673
School of Health Professions	\$64,020
School of Nursing	\$70,047
School of Pharmacy	\$58,676

****Required funding amounts will be reviewed yearly and are subject to change.*

Foreign Transcripts:

If international or domestic students have taken any courses outside the U.S., we **must** have a foreign transcript evaluation from a foreign transcript evaluation agency. We do not mandate evaluations come from a certain company; however they must be a course by course evaluation. If there is a question regarding certain evaluation companies, the Office of the Registrar will research to make sure the company is reputable.

Foreign transcript evaluations must be official, coming to us directly from the evaluation agency.

If a student has attended multiple Institutions outside the U.S., the evaluation must include all Institutions attended.

We will accept foreign evaluations greater than a year old, as long as they are complete and/or the student hasn't taken any additional courses outside the U.S

TOEFL/IELTS:

Proof of English Proficiency (MANDATORY) - you must submit one of the following as proof of English proficiency:

- **TOEFL** (Test of English as a Foreign Language; www.toefl.org) - The minimum TOEFL score required is 550 (paper-based version) or 79 (internet-based version). The TOEFL score must be received directly from the Educational Testing Service (ETS); Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center's institutional code is 6851. TOEFL scores are valid for only two years.
- **IELTS** International English Language Testing Service; www.ielts.org) - The minimum IELTS required score is an overall band score of 6.5 on the Academic version; IELTS General Training results are not acceptable. There is no IELTS institution code for Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center. IELTS scores are valid for only two years.

Countries exempt from the English language proficiency requirement

Australia

Canada (except the Province of Quebec)

Commonwealth Caribbean Countries:

Anguilla

Grenada

Antigua

Guyana

The Bahamas

Jamaica

Barbados

Montserrat

Belize

St. Kitts and Nevis

British Virgin Islands

St. Lucia

Bermuda

St. Vincent

Cayman Islands

Trinidad and Tobago

Dominica

Turks and Caicos Islands

Republic of Ireland

Liberia

New Zealand

United Kingdom (England, Scotland, Northern Ireland, and Wales)

United States

Official TOEFL score reports or official IELTS results are required from all other countries, unless the applicant has received a degree from an accredited college/university in one of the above-listed countries.

TOEFL can also be waived based on SAT and ACT scores, at the School's discretion.

TOEFL can also be waived if the student took 4 consecutive long semesters of credit-bearing/non-development/non-ESL courses at an accredited post-secondary school in the US.

General Notes:

1. F1 students are not eligible for domicile in the United States; therefore, they cannot be Texas residents.
2. F1 students who are offered assistantships may qualify for a tuition waiver for in-state tuition purpose.
3. F1 students have to be enrolled full-time each semester in order to stay in status. F1 students are only allowed to count 1 on-line course as part of their full-time enrollment. Therefore, F1 students are not allowed to be in an on-line program exclusively and be on a TTUHSC I-20. If an F1 student would like to attend an online program, they must show proof they are on another Institution's I-20. We would require them to send a copy of the I-20 every semester before they would be allowed to register.

NOTE: During peak times please allow 2 weeks to process the I-20.

ALL questions regarding International applicants/students may be directed to Designated School Official in the Office of the Registrar.