



# College of Education Virtual Recruitment Event - International Edition



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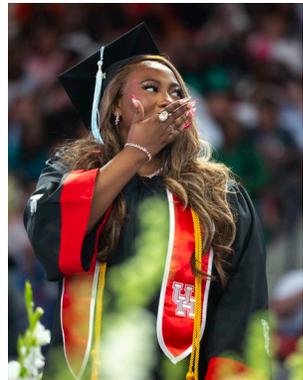
# About the University of Houston

Tier One  
public  
research  
university

Over 47,000  
students from  
130+ countries

Located in  
Houston,  
Texas – the  
4th largest  
city in the U.S.

One of the most ethnically diverse research universities in the U.S.



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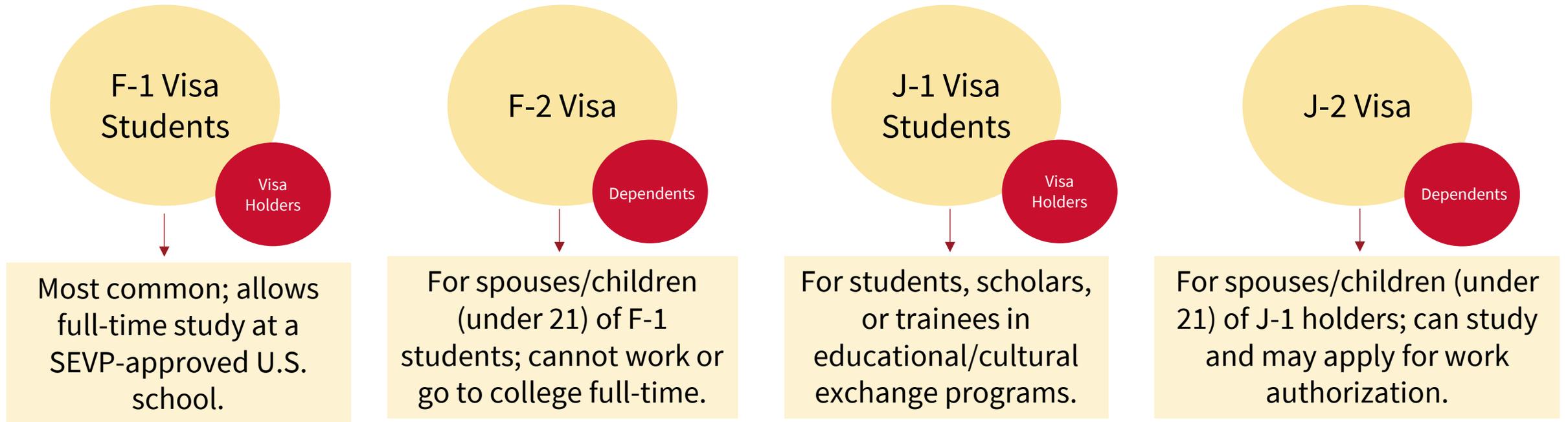
# College of Education Mission

## EMPOWERING LEADERS TO IMPROVE EDUCATION AND HEALTH FOR ALL

Our mission extends beyond success in the classroom. At the University of Houston College of Education, we're committed to serving the community. As part of a Tier One public research institution, the College of Education offers degrees and programs that prepare teachers, administrators, counselors, psychologists, health specialists, researchers and other leaders in their fields. Our faculty, staff, students and alumni are working to improve educational and health outcomes for all people and communities.



# Common Types of Visas



*Most international students at UH hold an **F-1 visa**; some are on **J-1 visas**, there are a few less common statuses.*



# Work Authorization for Visa Holders

F-1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>On-Campus Employment</b> – Max 20 hrs/week (full-time on breaks)</li><li>• <b>Curricular Practical Training (CPT)</b> – Off-campus work/internship in your field; UH approval required</li><li>• <b>Optional Practical Training (OPT)</b> – Up to 12 months after degree</li></ul>
F-2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Not permitted to work in the U.S.</li></ul>
J-1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• May work on-campus or in academic training positions related to their program, with sponsor approval.</li></ul>
J-2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Can apply for an <b>Employment Authorization Document (EAD)</b> to work in the U.S.</li></ul>



# Maintaining F-1 and J-1 Visas

F

Full-time Student

**9 hrs (Fall/Spring), 6 hrs (Summer if required), max 3 hrs online; get ISSSO approval before dropping hours**

A

Authorization for Employment & Training

Off-campus only with authorization; on-campus max 20 hrs/week; no work on-campus after program ends

C

Carry Current Documents

Passport valid  $\geq$  6 months; carry passport + I-20; extend I-20 before it expires.

T

Transitions

Address changes within 10 days; transfer SEVIS I-20 for new school; new I-20 for degree changes.

S

Stay in Touch

Follow ISSSO emails, website, and info sessions; no U.S. public benefits.



COE Departments:

Curriculum and  
Instruction (CUIN)

Educational Leadership  
& Policy Studies (ELPS)

Psychological, Health &  
Learning Sciences  
(PHLS)

# COE F1/J1 Compliant Degrees

*\*Many programs not listed here may be undertaken online from your home country.*

Masters and Certificates:

M.Ed. Curriculum and Instruction  
(Teaching and Teacher Education)

M.Ed. Higher Education

M.Ed. Special Populations  
(some programs are online only)

PhD and EdD:

Ed.D. Professional Leadership  
– Literacy  
– Special Populations

Ph.D. Curriculum and Instruction  
Ph.D. Higher Ed. & Policy Studies  
Ph.D. Counseling Psychology  
Ph.D. School Psychology  
Ph.D. Measurement, Quantitative  
Methods, & Learning Sciences



# Application Deadlines for F1/J1 Programs

Program	Application Due Date
Counseling Psychology Ph.D.	11/1/2025
Curriculum and Instruction M.Ed.	11/1/2025
Curriculum and Instruction Ph.D.	1/5/2026
Higher Education Leadership & Policy Studies Ph.D.	1/5/2026
Higher Education M.Ed. (face-to-face)	2/1/2026
Higher Education M.Ed. (online)	4/1/2026
Measurement, Quantitative Methods & Learning Sciences Ph.D.	1/5/2026
Professional Leadership Ed.D.: Literacy and Special Populations	4/1/2026
School Psychology Ph.D.	12/1/2025
Special Populations M.Ed.	9/15/2026



# Application Checklist - Required

- ✓ ApplyWeb online application
- ✓ Transcript(s) [evaluations and translations]
- ✓ Statement of Interest
- ✓ Resume or Curriculum Vitae
- ✓ Letters of Recommendation
- ✓ English Language Proficiency
- ✓ GRE Test Scores (Ph.D. programs only – waivers available)
- ✓ Writing Sample (Ed.D. and Ph.D. programs only)
- ✓ Supplemental Materials (for some programs)



# Application Checklist – Strongly Recommended

- ✓ Valid Passport – biometric page only
- ✓ Spouse: Valid Passport + Marriage Certificate (English)
- ✓ Minor Children: Valid Passport + Birth Certificate (English)
- ✓ Letter of Financial Backing with Part 1 total and Sponsor Information

Required once you accept the offer of admittance:  
Bank Statement balance page with US \$ Conversion



# Submitting Transcripts

*All graduate students are required to provide proof of the attainment of a Bachelor's degree before enrolling at the University of Houston. Credential Evaluations are completed in house at the Graduate School, and outside evaluations will not be accepted.*

International transcripts and degree certificates must be sent to the University of Houston Graduate School in **envelopes sealed and stamped by the issuing university to be considered official. Electronic academic documents sent from international institutions will not be accepted.**

## International transcripts and degree certificates can be sent to:

University of Houston Graduate Admissions  
5000 Gulf Freeway  
UH Technology Bridge  
Building No.3, Rm 170  
Houston TX 77204-2105

## To drop off official transcripts students can visit:

University of Houston  
Graduate School  
4104 Martin Luther King Blvd  
Bates Law Building, Suite 15  
Houston, TX 77204

**[Country-specific Guidelines](#)**



# English Language Proficiency Requirements

All graduate applicants, regardless of citizenship status, must demonstrate proficiency in English before admission. The test scores you submit must be valid and within the last two years for the TOEFL, IELTS, Pearson, or Duolingo. We also accept completing level 6 at UH's [Language and Culture Center](#).

Test Type	Minimum Score
TOEFL	iBT: 79 or pBT: 550
IELTS	6.5
Duolingo English Test	105
PTE	53

Or

Baccalaureate degree (or higher) earned from a regionally accredited U.S. institution or at an institution at which English is the medium of instruction in the following countries: [English Language Proficiency Requirements](#)



# Admissions Process



<https://www.uh.edu/education/admissions/graduate/>



# I-20 Process at a Glance

Following your acceptance of admittance:

**Finalize uploaded documents** to your ApplyWeb application checklist.

1

**Receive your I-20** via Terradotta (or pick up if needed).

3

**Processing time:** Allow 5–7 business days once your I-20 request is complete.

2

**Next Steps after I-20:** Pay the SEVIS I-901 fee and **schedule your visa interview**.

4



# Important Notes!

You can upload most of your I20 documents with your initial application

The bank statements must be no more than 3 months old

Uploading the documents is where many applications stall

We will request your I20 as soon as we process your acceptance, so

Be sure that your documents are complete to avoid delays!



# Required Documents of I-20 Issuance

*Begin as soon as you are accepted; items can be uploaded in advance.*

## Passport

- Copy of biometric page for yourself and any dependents
- **Tip:** Upload each dependent's passport + related document (English Birth/Marriage Certificate) together as one file

## Letter of Financial Backing (Required even if you have full financial aid)

- Includes funding breakdown (Part I: Cost; Part II: Sponsor info)
- Use the [I-20 Calculator](#) to determine required funding for one year at UH.
- List a Sponsor (self, relative, or scholarship agency) that is supporting you. Do not include UH's financial package.

## Bank Statement (s) (Combine into one document)

- Current and in English (USD conversion), showing sufficient funds
- Balance page only — show bank name, account holder, total, USD conversion; date must be within the past 3 months
- Total must meet/exceed required remainder

## Transfer-in Form (if applicable)

- Required if transferring your SEVIS record from another school



# Calculating Graduate School (sample purposes only)

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## Letter of Financial Backing (Graduate Students) FY 26

**Instructions:** This form is for prospective international students who seek/hold an F-1 visa and is used by the University of Houston to confirm adequate financial resources for study in the United States for at least one academic year. This statement must be completed and uploaded to your graduate application along with supporting documents. Supporting documents may include one or more of the following: banks letter(s), bank statement(s), sponsorship letter(s), etc. These documents should show proof of readily available funds to cover your estimated expenses and all content should be in English with funds converted to U.S. dollars. If you have a financial sponsor, their name must match the name on the supporting documents. *Note:* If you are using an Affidavit of Support (Form I-134), it is valid for one year from the signature date.

### PART I Estimate Your Expenses

Please visit the I-20 Calculator at <https://uh.edu/gs/i-20>

The I-20 Calculator will provide you with your estimated cost per year to be placed below.

Total Cost per Year (from calculator):

### PART II Student Information

Student's Last Name	Student's First Name	PeopleSoft ID Number
Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)	Student's Country of Birth	Student's Country of Citizenship

### Part III Sponsor Information

(If student is self-sponsoring, please just sign and date below)

Sponsor's Last Name	Sponsor's First Name	Sponsor's Relationship to Student
Sponsor's Address	Sponsor's Telephone Number	
Sponsor's Signature	Date of Signature (MM/DD/YYYY)	

### Part IV Upload

GRADUATE SCHOOL COLLEGE OF EDUCATION	
Admit Term	Fall 2024-Spring 2025
Career Level	Doctoral
Number of Dependents	0
Competitive Scholarship Waiver	No
Competitive Scholarship	No
Graduate Tuition	\$ 16,308.00
Mandatory Fees	\$ 1,226.00
Competitive Scholarship Waiver	\$ -
Competitive Scholarship	\$ -
Health Insurance	\$ 3,598.00
Books and Supplies	\$ 1,300.00
Living Expenses	\$ 15,060.00
Dependents, if applicable	\$ -
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 37,492.00</b>



# Graduate Student Funding

There are multiple options available to graduate and professional students who have been accepted to fund their degree at the University of Houston. Graduate funding is available in the form of:

Scholarships

Assistantships

Grants

Work-study

Loan support

[Explore more Graduate School Funding](#)



# Graduate Assistantships

- **Full-time enrollment of 9 credit hours is required.**
- **Coordinated through COE departments**
- **Some Higher Ed students are interviewed for Assistantships in Student Affairs**

Teaching  
Fellow  
(TF)

Teaching  
Assistant  
(TA)

Instructional  
Assistant (IA)

Research  
Assistant  
(RA)

Graduate  
Assistant  
(GA)

For university policies on graduate assistantships, please refer to the [graduate catalog](#).



# Graduate Tuition Fellowships

The Graduate Tuition Fellowship (GTF) is a competitive award program administered by the University of Houston Graduate School that **covers the cost of in-state tuition and mandatory fees** for qualified Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) students for fall/spring enrollment. *Summer funding is not guaranteed; based on budget availability.* Full-time enrollment of 9 credit hours is required.

## Who gets it:

Awarded to most incoming COE Ph.D. students for their **first two years**—no separate application.

## International Student Advantage:

Includes an *out-of-state tuition waiver*, significantly reducing tuition costs.

## Selection priority:

- Newest Ph.D. cohorts are prioritized.
- Within cohorts, **international students receive priority** due to higher tuition expenses.

## Eligibility to keep it:

Maintain satisfactory academic progress and meet program milestones.

## Special cases:

Students may be prioritized if they missed GTF in prior years due to leave, illness, or external funding.



# COE Resources



- **COE Mailing List:** <https://www.applyweb.com/fixie/form/s/T2313ww>
- **COE Degrees:** <https://www.uh.edu/education/degree-programs/>
- **COE Departments:**
  - CUIN: <https://www.uh.edu/education/departments/cuin/>
  - ELPS: <https://www.uh.edu/education/departments/elps/>
  - PHLS: <https://www.uh.edu/education/departments/phls/>
- **COE Admissions:** <https://www.uh.edu/education/admissions/graduate/>
- **COE Directory:** <https://www.uh.edu/education/about/directory/>

# International Student Resources



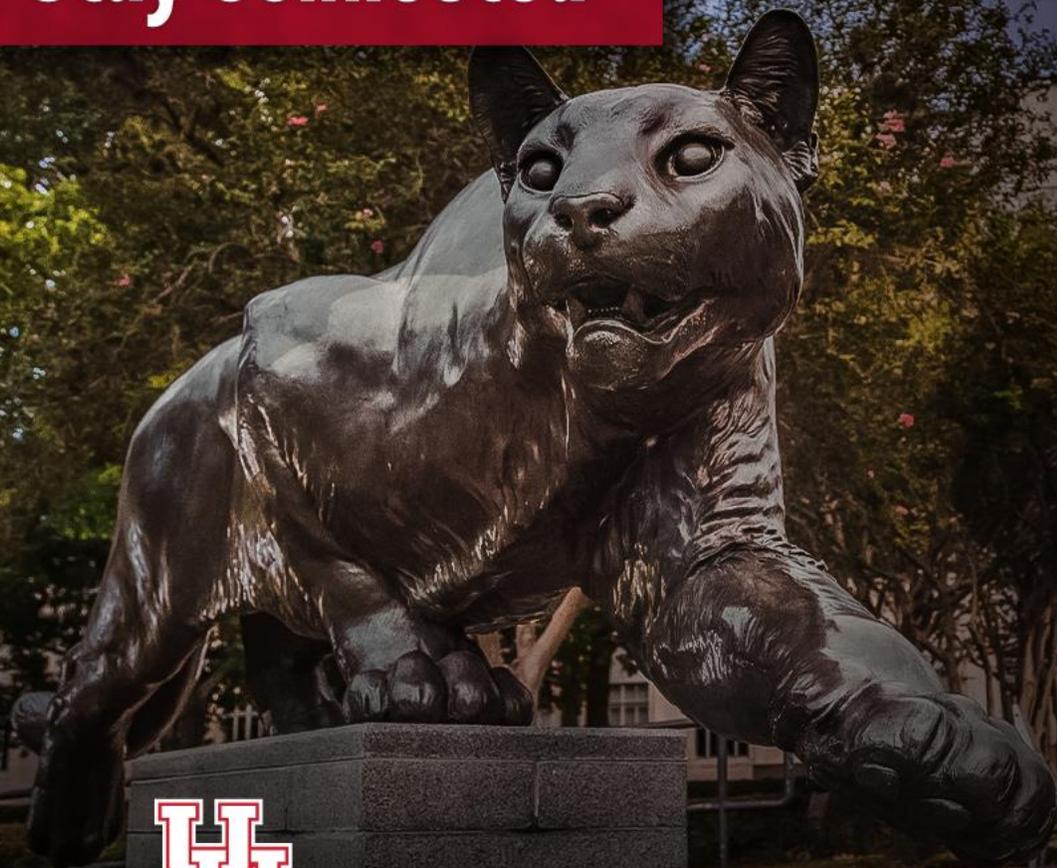
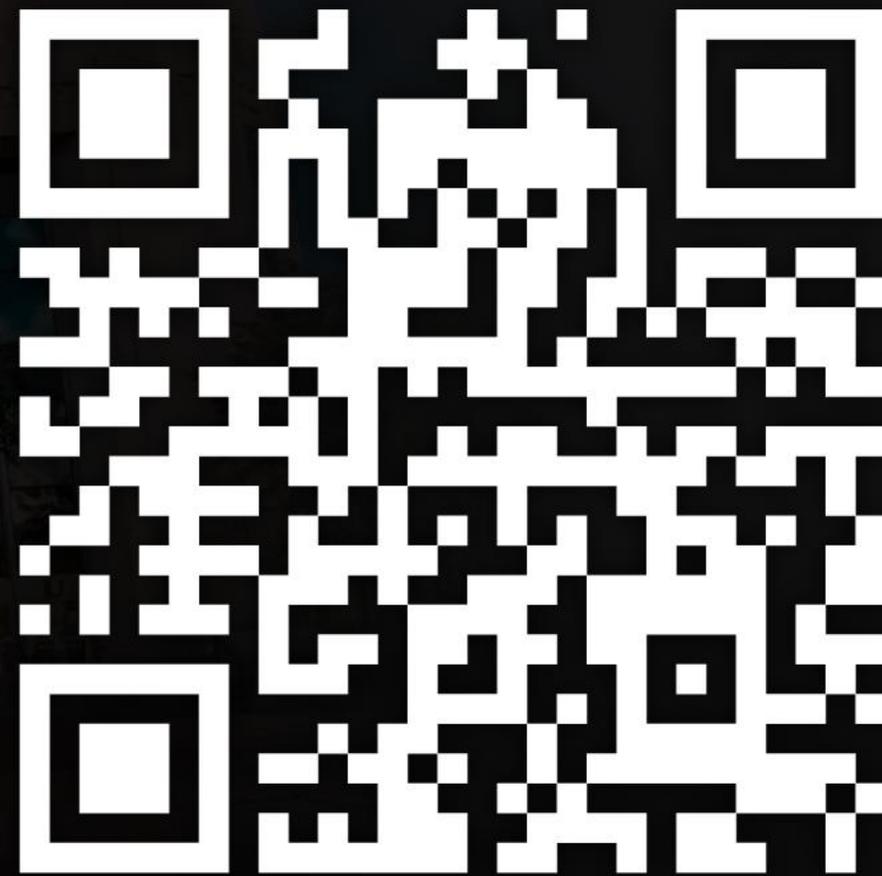
- **Tuition Calculator:** <https://www.uh.edu/financial/graduate/tuition-fees/index.php>
- **Funding Info:**
  - <https://uh.edu/graduate-school/graduate-funding/>
  - [https://www.uh.edu/education/student-services/fin\\_aid\\_scholarships/](https://www.uh.edu/education/student-services/fin_aid_scholarships/)
- **International Office:**
  - <https://uh.edu/graduate-school/international-students/>
  - <https://uh.edu/oisss/>
  - Contact
    - [isssohlp@central.uh.edu](mailto:isssohlp@central.uh.edu)
    - [sevis@central.uh.edu](mailto:sevis@central.uh.edu)
- **I-20 Info:**
  - <https://uh.edu/graduate-school/i-20/>
  - <https://www.uh.edu/graduate-school/faq/#i>
- **English Proficiency:** <https://www.uh.edu/graduate-school/international-students/english-proficiency/>
- **Residency:** <https://www.uh.edu/enrollment-services/registrar/residency-reclassification/index.php>
- **Transcripts:** <https://uh.edu/graduate-school/international-students/transcripts/>

**Stay Connected**

**Admissions Virtual Q&A**

Fridays this fall

11 a.m. to 1 p.m. CT



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Any questions?  
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