OFFICIALLY FINANCIALLY SPONSORED STUDENTS

1. Example of sponsor letter that meets the Policy Guidance requirements.
2. What to do if your sponsorship does not cover the amounts required by the UKVI for tuition fees or living costs.
3. How long will your new visa be for?

1. Example of an official financial sponsor letter

To whom it may concern / UKVI

Date: 

With regards to:

Name: Ahmed Al Ali  DOB: 11-12-1988  Passport: 1234567

We can confirm we are sponsoring Mr Ahmed Al Ali to study a PhD in English Literature at the University of Glasgow. The sponsorship will run until 31st October 2024. We will cover any tuition fee expenses associated with the course and Ahmed will receive a stipend every month toward living costs of $1,249.65.

We give our consent for Ahmed to stay in the UK to complete the PhD course which they are being sponsored by us for and support his visa application.

Your sincerely,

Farrah Al Ayed

Farrah Al Ayed

Cultural Attaché - Embassy of University of Glasgow.

Tier 4 Policy Guidance requirements:

1) OFFICIAL LETTER HEADED PAPER OR STATIONERY OF THE ORGANISATION OF THE OFFICIAL FINANCIAL SPONSOR

2) THEIR OFFICIAL STAMP

3) NAME AND CONTACT DETAILS OF OFFICIAL FINANCIAL SPONSOR

4) DATE OF LETTER

5) YOUR NAME

6) THE LENGTH OF YOUR SPONSORSHIP

7) THE AMOUNT OF MONEY YOUR SPONSOR IS GIVING YOU (E.G. SPECIFIC AMOUNTS FOR TUITION FEES AND / OR LIVING COSTS), OR CONFIRMATION YOUR SPONSORSHIP COVERS ALL YOUR FEES AND LIVING COSTS
2. What to do if your sponsorship does not cover the amount of money the UKVI require for your living costs and / or all of your tuition fees

The Tier 4 Policy Guidance states:

If you are providing evidence of official financial sponsorship, in addition to evidence of your own personal funds, any money paid to you by your official financial sponsor will not be considered as available personal funds.

UKVI say you must show you have the following money for living costs available to you for each month of your course, up to a maximum of 9 months.

£1,015 per month for living costs if you are studying outside London or anywhere else in the UK for the majority of your study (more than 50% of your study time).

You will need to provide extra financial evidence to prove you have enough additional funds to meet the maintenance requirement.

You must show evidence that:

- you have paid all or part of your course fees and up to £1,265 towards accommodation fees to your Tier 4 sponsor; and/or
- you are receiving official financial sponsorship; and/or
- you have enough money to cover your remaining course fees and living costs, if any.

You will need to prepare financial documents (either in your name or in your parent’s name/s) showing the amount not covered by your sponsorship has been held for a minimum of 28 consecutive, full days before the date your online visa application form is submitted.

See the Tier 4 Policy Guidance for a list of financial documents accepted by the UKVI, and the requirements each document must meet. Further information about bank statements (the most common financial document prepared to show money held in your name or in a parent’s name) can be found in our “Self-funding students” information sheet.

3. How long will my new visa be for?

If you have official financial sponsorship which wholly covers your fees and living costs, and your financial sponsor limits the time you may study in the UK, then your permission to stay will be limited to the same length of time plus the usual additional period allowed.

If your sponsorship ends before your course end date on your CAS, the UKVI will issue you with a visa for the length of your sponsorship +2 months if your course is more than 6 months long (but less than 12 months), or +4 months if your course is 12 months or longer.

Money not in British pounds? Use www.oanda.com to make and print currency conversion to GBP on the day you submit the online visa application form.