

Family Dependent Invitation Request

Attached is the required paperwork that you will need to read and complete in order to invite your spouse and/or dependents to join you in the United States.

The following information has been prepared to assist you and members of your family in deciding whether or not you should have your dependents join you in the U.S. It describes some of the major obstacles which have been observed as contributing to the adjustment problems of international spouses. It is important that both you and your spouse be aware of these concerns and address them appropriately within your family.

Financial Support

Amounts Required: **Spouse : \$5,500**, and each additional **Child: \$3,250**

You must provide documentation to ISS to show you have sufficient funding to support yourself, plus your spouse and/or dependents while studying at UW. ISS is required to have this documentation by United States Citizenship and Immigration (USCIS) to issue the dependent I-20's. The documentation will also be required by the U. S. Embassy/Consulate when they apply for their visas. This documentation may consist of a letter from your department to verify a Graduate Assistantship or Scholarship, a letter from a bank verifying personal savings or checking amounts which have been available for over 60 days, or an Affidavit of Support (I-134) www.uscis.gov from a personal sponsor. USCIS considers this form to be legally binding for 3 years.

Health Insurance

The University of Wyoming requires that all International students have medical insurance while they are enrolled in classes at the University. This requirement is designed to help student maintain good health throughout their academic study and decrease the financial burden that can be caused by unexpected health expenses, especially since healthcare in the United States can be expensive. International students are enrolled automatically in the Student Medical Insurance every fall and spring semesters. International student may waive the insurance if their circumstances meet requirements outlined in the University Policy and the corresponding requirement summary.

Dependents are allowed to purchase the Student Health Insurance through the University but they may obtain insurance coverage through any other company. An internet search can help you find an insurance policy that can meet your dependents' needs. Be sure to compare the coverage and costs since many plans exclude certain medical treatments.

J Visa - Please Note: All holders of a J visa, including spouse/dependents, are required by federal law to have health insurance that meets the requirements outlined in 22 CFR 62.14. UW's student health insurance policy meets the federal guideline. However, UW benefited employee insurance must have a deductible less than \$500 and evacuation/repatriation benefits will need to be purchased separately. It is a violation of your immigration status to not have insurance meeting the requirements and can result in a termination of your program, SEVIS record, and possible enforced departure from the United States.

Important Information

F-2 Visa Status

-Cannot work in the United States.

-May study **part-time** at the university, and even enroll in programs and earn degrees. Please visit with the UW Admissions Office to learn about enrollment requirements.

Dependent children (under 21 years old) may enroll in kindergarten through 12th grade.

J-2 Visa Status

-Can study part-time or full-time. Please visit with the UW Admissions Office to learn about enrollment.

-Can request U.S. employment authorization.

For additional information on housing, child care, health care and other things that should be considered before bringing your family to the United States and UW, please refer to the International Students/Scholars Handbook at <https://www.uwyo.edu/iss/handbook/>.

