

REQUEST FOR DEPENDENTS TO JOIN J-1 STUDENT OR SCHOLAR IN U.S.

STUDENT/SCHOLAR NAME _____
(Family) (First) (Middle)

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE # _____ BANNER OR SOCIAL SECURITY # _____

YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

FIELD OF STUDY OR RESEARCH _____ DEGREE SOUGHT _____

I REQUEST THE FOLLOWING PERSONS TO JOIN ME IN THE U.S.:

NAME & RELATIONSHIP (CAPITALIZE family name)	BIRTH DATE	CITY & COUNTRY OF BIRTH
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

FILL IN FINANCIAL RESOURCES THAT APPLY:

<u>TYPE OF FINANCIAL RESOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIP.....	_____.
SALARY FROM MIAMI UNIVERSITY	_____
SAVINGS ON DEPOSIT IN BANK ACCOUNT.....	_____
SUPPORT FROM RELATIVES.....	_____
OTHER.....	_____.
TOTAL.....	

PLEASE ATTACH DOCUMENTATION (ASSISTANTSHIP AWARD LETTER, APPOINTMENT LETTER, LETTER FROM BANK AND/OR SPONSOR) VERIFYING ALL SOURCES OF SUPPORT LISTED.

I fully understand that I will be required to purchase health and accident insurance coverage for each of my dependents if they join me in the U.S.

Date _____ Signature: _____

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT/SCHOLAR DEPENDENTS

International students at Miami University who wish to bring their dependents to Oxford to reside until the termination of their studies are asked to take into full consideration the following concerns:

1. Living Costs Living costs in the United States continue to be very high. An error in judgment when estimating the cost of living in Oxford can be the cause of financial distress and emotional problems. There have been cases of domestic problems arising from lack of sufficient income for support of a dependent. When students/scholars or their spouses appeal for assistance to various charitable organizations or public agencies for support, this may result in a violation of their visa status if it is determined that they have become a "public charge".
2. Medical Insurance and Expenses The high and continuing rising costs of medical care for families should be seriously considered before students/scholars plan to bring their dependents to Oxford. Health and accident, and repatriation and emergency medical insurance is required and the premiums are very expensive while coverage for medical care may be limited. For example, pregnancy, hospitalization, and delivery of a child costs \$5000 on the average; any complications can costs much higher.
3. General Adjustment Problems Students/scholars should be aware that wives and children may face serious problems of adjustment. Such factors as language, food, socializing, shopping, and schooling, can be major concerns for wives and children.
4. Isolation Spouses of international students/scholars may experience isolation and feelings of neglect as a result of students/scholars being engaged in work and study activities for long periods of time. The pressure of research, teaching, exams, term papers, and other academic assignments may make it difficult for the student/scholar to give adequate time to the family.
5. Employment Restrictions Immigration allows J-2 spouses to work, however they must apply for employment authorization with the Citizenship and Immigration Service (CIS). For more information, contact Michelle Apfeld at apfeldmj@muohio.edu.
6. Financial Guarantees The Office of International Programs will not issue a visa document for a dependent until the student/scholar is able to provide evidence that adequate funds are available for the dependent's support. Documentation from a bank or sponsor is required for us to issue a visa document, and will be needed when your dependent applies for a visa. Some students/scholars have borrowed from friends and deposited the money in their bank account until it has served its purpose of showing "proof of ability to support the spouse in the United States." The funds are then returned. This type of misrepresentation creates more problems than it solves.

The Office of International Programs is sincerely concerned with the success of our students and scholars at Miami University. Separation from a spouse is difficult to bear, but the prospect of having a dependent here with inadequate means for support or for return travel to the home country can be tragically worse. The best advice that we can give is that international student/scholar bring their families to Oxford only if they can bear the costs of additional expenses here and pay for passage home when study is terminated. The alternative is to risk interruption of both academic and professional plans.