



## Hood College International Student Admission Process

Hood College's International Scholarship Program recognizes students from around the globe whose achievement and talent indicate strong potential for success at Hood.

Scholarships are determined through a holistic review of all completed application materials. At the time of admission all international students will be reviewed for one of the following scholarship levels:

- Trustee Scholarship – \$30,000 per year
- Presidential Scholarship – \$28,000 per year
- Dean Scholarship – \$24,000 per year
- Leadership Award – \$20,000 per year
- Achievement Award – \$15,000 per year

Hood is not able to offer additional stackable awards or need-based financial aid to non-U.S. citizens. There are no full-tuition scholarships for international students unless they are currently attending a United World College (UWC) institution. UWC students can learn more [HERE](#) .

Please be aware that even after merit aid is applied, international students are typically responsible for \$35,000-\$50,000 USD per year. **If a family cannot realistically contribute that amount in USD annually, it is unlikely that Hood will be an affordable option.**

### Requirements for Admission

International students who meet all requirements for admission\* will be awarded one of the above scholarships. Scholarships are renewable throughout the student's undergraduate career at Hood and may be received for a maximum of eight semesters.

For information about international admission, please contact the Hood College Admission Office at [admission@hood.edu](mailto:admission@hood.edu) or 1-301-696-3400 or visit our website at <https://www.hood.edu/admission-aid/undergraduate-international-students>

\*The following items are required for international student admission:

1. Completed admission application
2. Translated and evaluated academic transcripts – For each secondary (high school) or post-secondary school attended. Transcripts MUST BE translated and evaluated (course-by-course) by a professional organization. Our preferred evaluator is World Education Services (WES), but we will also accept transcripts from any NACES evaluator.
3. English Proficiency - Submit one of the following:
  - a. A minimum score on the TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) of 79 (internet based)/550 (paper-based)/213 (computer-based)
  - b. A minimum score of 6.5 on the IELTS (International English Language Testing System)
  - c. A minimum score of 53 on the PTE Academic (Pearson Test of English)
  - d. A minimum score of 100 on the DET (Duolingo English Test)
4. Certification of Finances - If you will be applying for an F-1 student visa, you are required to submit proof of financial support for at least one year of tuition, fees and living expenses, which is estimated to be approximately \$56,000 USD, at the time of application. Proof of financial support can be demonstrated through bank statements (in USD) or formal scholarship notifications and must be accompanied by an Affidavit of Support. If you are already in the United States on another visa type, please contact [international@hood.edu](mailto:international@hood.edu). You may be eligible to have this requirement waived by submitting a photocopy of your current visa.
5. Copy of passport - Please submit a photocopy of your passport photo page.

**\*Please note that your application will not be completed or reviewed until all of the documents listed above have been received or waived by the college\***

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

- **Do international students have to live on campus?**
  - Yes, international students are required to live on campus.
- **Are housing options provided during breaks or when the campus is closed?**
  - Yes, campus housing will be provided to international students if needed. The student is responsible for communicating this need with the office of residence life on the timeline they request.
- **Are dining options provided during breaks or when campus is closed?**
  - No, dining options are not guaranteed during breaks or when the campus is closed. Students will be notified when campus dining options are not available prior to the break or closure.
- **What are the closest airports to the campus?**
  - Washington Dulles International Airport (IAD) - 43 miles
  - Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport (DCA) - 49 miles
  - Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport (BWI) - 54 miles
- **What date will I need to arrive at campus for my first semester?**
  - Please email the Director of International Student Services and Principal Designated School Official, Amani Al-Dajane at [pdso@hood.edu](mailto:pdso@hood.edu) or call 1-(301) 696-3600 to confirm the arrival date for each semester.
- **When will I be issued my I-20 paperwork?**
  - Hood College will issue the I-20 paperwork only after the student has been accepted and paid their \$350 USD enrollment deposit.
- **What visas are accepted and are there different admission requirements based on visa type?**
  - Please contact our international student counselor at [international@hood.edu](mailto:international@hood.edu) to get more information regarding requirements based on visa type
- **What if I am already in the U.S. on a visa?**
  - If you are already in the U.S, please contact our international admission counselor at [international@hood.edu](mailto:international@hood.edu) to determine if you should apply as a domestic or international student
- **Can international students enroll part-time (fewer than 12 credit hours per semester)?**
  - International students are required to be full-time students while attending Hood
- **What is the cost to attend?**
  - Annual cost of attendance (COA) for a full-time, residential student at Hood College for the 22-23 academic year is \$62,870
- **Does Hood offer any full-tuition scholarships for international students?**
  - The only full-tuition scholarship Hood offers is the UWC Davis Scholarship that only applies to UWC students.
- **Does Hood provide health insurance for international students?**
  - International students can purchase their own insurance at [International Student Insurance](#)
- **What are the application deadlines and other important dates?**
  - June 15 Fall Application Deadline
  - November 15 Spring Application Deadline
  - March 1 UWC Scholar Deadline (for UWC Davis scholarship)