



MASTERS PROGRAMS

The chart on the second page of the Visa Request form (VRF) asks you to indicate the amount of funding you will have available for each year of your graduate program. Below are examples of correctly completed charts that take into account both the source of funding and the duration of the graduate program, and represent the most common funding scenarios. If you do not see your source of funding below and you are not sure how to complete the funding chart, please contact us at engineering@gwu.edu.

Please note: like the VRF, this document uses estimated cost of attendance. The actual cost for a given year may be different from the amounts entered on the charts below (or on the VRF), based on *estimated* living costs and the tuition required by most of the University's graduate programs for the 2025 - 2026 academic year. Some programs have non-standard tuition, resulting in amounts different from those listed below. Detailed information on tuition rates is available on the Student Accounts website.

Students pursuing a Master's degree must show at least two years of funding, completing the chart for both Year 1 and Year 2 of the program. If you indicate funding for only Year 1, your I-20 or DS-2019 request will not be approved.

Self-Support

The chart below is appropriate for Master's students who are relying solely on their own funds to support their studies. In this case the financial document will need to show sufficient funds for the total amount of the two years (\$126,264), in the student's name:

Table with columns: SOURCE OF FUNDS, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5. Rows include SELF - SUPPORT, FAMILY/INDIVIDUAL SPONSOR, GOVERNMENT/AGENCY SPONSOR, GW, OTHER (specify), and TOTAL. Total funding for Year 1 and Year 2 is \$63,132.00 each, with zero funding for Years 3, 4, and 5.

Family/Individual Sponsor

The chart below shows funding for a Master's student who will receive full support from a family member or other individual sponsor. In this case, the financial document will need to show liquid funds sufficient to cover at least Year 1 (\$63,132):

SOURCE OF FUNDS	AMOUNTS IN U.S. DOLLARS <i>(must be provided for estimated length of program)</i>				
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
SELF - SUPPORT	\$				
FAMILY/INDIVIDUAL SPONSOR	\$ 63,132.00	63,132.00			
GOVERNMENT/AGENCY SPONSOR	\$				
GW	\$				
OTHER (specify)	\$				
TOTAL Totals must equal or exceed the University's estimate of expenses for each calendar year you plan to attend.	\$ 63,132.00	63,132.00	0	0	0

Combining Sources of Funding - Sample 1

The chart below shows funding for a Master's student who will rely on a combination of self-support and family/individual sponsor support. Please note: the combined funds must meet or exceed the minimum required amount for each year of the program. A similar approach should be used when combining funds from other funding sources. In this case, the financial document in the student's name must show \$20,000 in liquid funds; the document in the sponsor's name must show funds at least equivalent to the sponsor's share of Year 1 \$53,132):

SOURCE OF FUNDS	AMOUNTS IN U.S. DOLLARS <i>(must be provided for estimated length of program)</i>				
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
SELF - SUPPORT	\$ 10,000.00	10,000.00			
FAMILY/INDIVIDUAL SPONSOR	\$ 53,132.00	53,132.00			
GOVERNMENT/AGENCY SPONSOR	\$				
GW	\$				
OTHER (specify)	\$				
TOTAL Totals must equal or exceed the University's estimate of expenses for each calendar year you plan to attend.	\$ 63,132.00	63,132.00	0	0	0

Combining Sources of Funding - Sample 2

The chart below shows funding for a Master's student using a combination of self-support, family/individual sponsor support, and a renewable GW award. The combined funds must meet or exceed the minimum required amount for each year of the program. A similar approach should be used when combining funds from any other sources. In this case, the financial document in the student's name must show \$20,000 in liquid funds; the document in the sponsor's name must show funds *at least* equivalent to the sponsor's share of Year 1 (\$43,254.50):

SOURCE OF FUNDS	AMOUNTS IN U.S. DOLLARS				
	<i>(must be provided for estimated length of program)</i>				
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
SELF - SUPPORT	\$ 10,000.00	10,000.00			
FAMILY/INDIVIDUAL SPONSOR	\$ 43,254.50	43,254.50			
GOVERNMENT/AGENCY SPONSOR	\$				
GW	\$ 9,877.50	9,877.50			
OTHER (specify)	\$				
TOTAL Totals must equal or exceed the University's estimate of expenses for each calendar year you plan to attend.	\$ 63,132.00	63,132.00	0	0	0

Combining Sources of Funding - Sample 3

The chart below shows funding for a Master's student who will rely on a combination of a non-renewable loan in their name, and family/individual support. The combined funds must meet or exceed the minimum required amount for each year of the program. In this case, the financial document in the student's name (the loan) must show at least \$63,132 in liquid funds (this example exceeds); the document in the sponsor's name must show funds *at least* equivalent to the sponsor's share of Year 2 (\$69,000). The family/individual sponsored funds could also be written for Year 1, although it is not necessary as Year 1 is covered by the loan:

SOURCE OF FUNDS	AMOUNTS IN U.S. DOLLARS				
	<i>(must be provided for estimated length of program)</i>				
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
SELF - SUPPORT	\$ 63,132.00				
FAMILY/INDIVIDUAL SPONSOR	\$	63,132.00			
GOVERNMENT/AGENCY SPONSOR	\$				
GW	\$				
OTHER (specify)	\$				
TOTAL Totals must equal or exceed the University's estimate of expenses for each calendar year you plan to attend.	\$ 63,132.00	63,132.00	0	0	0

Government/Agency sponsor

Use this line on the chart if you are funded by a governmental organization or by another (non-commercial) national or international organization.

Other

This is rare. You might use this line if you are sponsored by a private sector company. Special additional documents are required in this case; please email engineering@gwu.edu with any questions.

Loans

If the loan is in the student's name, the amount of the loan is considered as "self-support" funds (line 1). If the loan is in a family member's name, it is considered as "family sponsor" funds. **Loans should not be listed on the "Other" line.**

General Notes

- REMINDER: As noted earlier, the amounts shown in the charts in this document and the one on the VRF are based on *estimated* cost of attendance. The actual cost for a given year may be different depending on your living costs, and the tuition rate for your program.
- If you are receiving funding from GW Engineering, you will submit your official award letter as part of your financial documents. This letter comes via email at the time of admission. The letter can be downloaded and submitted as a pdf.