Hartford International
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International Student FAQ

1. **How does HIU define an international student?**
   An international student is defined by meeting the following criteria:
   - Enters or is in the U.S. specifically for the purpose of study.
   - Does not have U.S. citizenship or legal permanent resident status but is currently in the U.S. on a non-immigrant visa (F-1, J-1, etc.)

2. **How can I apply?**
   International students can apply online here.

3. **Can the application fee be waived for international students?**
   Yes, please submit a brief statement to admissions@hartfordinternational.edu describing your financial need in 100-150 words. Please note: if you are applying to the MAP program, the application fee is automatically waived.

4. **Can I study part time?**
   While all international students are required to study full-time; part-time study is allowed under certain circumstances. For more information see here. Please note: part-time study is not an option for the MAP program.

5. **Is the TOEFL/IELTS/DET required?**
   Students who are not native English speakers or who have not had English as a primary language of instruction in their academic studies, are required to submit scores of the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), the International English Language Testing System (IELTS), or the Duolingo English Test (DET) examination and achieve a minimum score of 80 on the internet version of TOEFL or 550 on the paper-based total; 6.5 on the IELTS; or 110 on the DET. For exemptions, see here.

6. **How long is a TOEFL/IELTS/DET score valid?**
   The exam must be taken within eighteen (18) months of your application to Hartford International University. *Online "test preparation" scores will not be accepted. And your* **application will not be processed without your official score**.

7. **Do I need my transcript to be evaluated?**
   Yes, all international transcripts will need to be evaluated. For more information, please visit the International Students Admissions webpage.

8. **How can I find information about programs offered at HIU?**
   You can find degree programs offered on our Degree Program website page.

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9. **Can international students apply for financial aid and scholarships?**
Yes. International students can apply for institutional aid by submitting the HIU Scholarship and Grant Supplemental Form.

10. **Can international students work on campus?**
Yes, according to U.S. Immigration law, on-campus employment is allowed. For more information, please review your options here.

11. **What should I do to get a student (F-1) visa?**
International students need to do a few things to secure an F-1 visa. For a detailed list, see the F-1 Visa Guide.

12. **Do I need to submit an immunization/vaccination record?**
Yes, all international students must submit an immunization record to the Registrar. HIU requires all entering students to provide proof of immunity for several infectious diseases. Information about all required vaccines is available here.

13. **Do I need health insurance?**
Yes, all international students are required to submit proof of health insurance.

14. **Do I have to attend International Student Orientation?**
Yes, the International Student Orientation helps students with their transition to HIU and is mandatory for all incoming students.

15. **How can I find out more about Hartford, CT?**
Information about the city of Hartford, Connecticut, and the surrounding area is available on the Hartford webpage.

16. **What is the closest airport or bus/train station?**
The closest airport is Bradley International Airport in Windsor Locks, Connecticut. Other students have used John F. Kennedy International Airport in New York. If you choose this option, you will need to book a shuttle/private car with Go Airport Shuttle.

17. **Can I live on campus?**
Yes, space is, however, limited. So, if you are interested, please contact Housing as soon as possible.