

## Financial Aid for Undergraduate International Students: Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Who is considered an international student?

A: Students who are not U.S. citizens or U.S. permanent residents are considered international students. Students who hold dual citizenship in the U.S. and another country are considered U.S. citizens.

Q: What is the basis for awarding financial aid to international students?

A: All financial aid for international students is based on need; this is the same basis that is used to award financial aid to U.S. citizens and U.S. permanent residents

Q: Is the admissions process need-blind for international students?

A: Yes.

Q: Can an international student who intends to apply for financial aid apply Early Decision?

A: Yes.

Q: Is financial aid available for freshman and transfer international students?

A: Yes.

Q: If I receive financial aid as a new student, am I guaranteed financial aid during my entire time at Cornell?

A: All financial aid applicants must re-apply for financial aid each year. If you and your family's economic situation remain constant, you will receive a financial aid award that is comparable to the award that you received as a new student.

Q: If I do not receive financial aid as a new student, can I apply for financial aid after I enroll at Cornell?

A: Generally, international students who do not receive financial aid as new students are not eligible to receive financial aid after they enroll at Cornell. If however, you or your family encounter unexpected financial difficulties, we invite you to speak to an advisor in the International Students and Scholars Office. In limited cases, the office may be able to provide some financial support to international students who encounter financial difficulties.

Q: Will all international students who apply for financial aid receive assistance?

A: While Cornell is now able to provide financial aid to a broader range of international students, we are still unable to provide assistance to all international students who may apply for and be eligible for financial aid. International students who are awarded financial aid will be selected based on enrollment priorities as established by the University.