# **International Student Guide**



## How to apply to Bob Jones University

Bob Jones University should receive your application for admission 4–12 months before you intend to enroll. If you apply within four months of enrollment, we will do everything we can to help you finish in time, but we cannot guarantee that you will be admitted to come in the semester for which you applied.

Some of the guidelines given below are imposed by outside organizations and government agencies. It will be best if you allow four months or longer for processing.

## **ADMISSION TIMELINE**

	Make initial contact with BJU.			
Research	• Read through admission information available online at www.bju.edu/admission/apply/international.			
Research				
	Start your application.			
Submit Application (at least four	Submit application from www.bju.edu/apply with the \$250 deposit.			
months before start of semester)				
	• Send in all required documents (transcript, TOEFL, IELT, GATEWAY scores, passport photo).			
After Submitting Application	Submit any other necessary documents (communicated by your admission counselor).			
	BJU will contact your references for recommendations.			
	Once all of these documents are turned in, your admission counselor			
Admittance Decision will be made	will submit your name to the Admission Committee.			
	• Take SAT, ACT or CLT.			
	Work through Financial Aid.			
After Admitted	• Send the Financial Affidavit with a corresponding bank statement.			
	Submit Immunization Form by August 1.			
	BJU begins processing the I-20s of those students who have complete all of the application/admission steps.			
Start Visa Process	• Apply for the F-1 visa (fees apply) and secure travel to Greenville, S.C.			
	Watch for your invitation to register for New International Student Orientation.			

☐ Submit application and deposit: Start your application at <a href="https://www.bju.edu/apply">www.bju.edu/apply</a> .
<b>Here are some tips.</b> You will probably not have a Social Security number if you have not previously worked in the U.S. Enter 000-00-0000 in the Social Security question.
If you are in the U.S. now and have a visa status, choose the correct one from the drop-down box.
If you are not currently in the U.S., you should leave the visa status question blank.
☐ <b>To submit your application,</b> you will need a valid credit card account. The CVV is a three-digit authorization code from the back of a credit card.
The \$250 deposit is applied to the first month's tuition and fees. If you want to withdraw your application before you are admitted, then you are able to request a refund. This deposit will be used to help with your school bill if you choose to attend BJU.
FIRST DOCUMENTS NEEDED
After submitting your application, you will have access to <u>your admission portal</u> with a list of items you should complete.
☐ Upload a photo of your passport ID page.
☐ Tell your two recommenders to look for the recommendation sent to their email address.
Your <b>church leader</b> must fill out one of the recommendations.
• The other recommendation should be from:
□ An adult (age 25 or older).
□ Someone who is not a member of your family.
Someone who has known you for at least the last six months.
Recommendations should be provided on our forms.
<ul> <li>Electronically</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Submitted directly to the admission counselor</li> </ul>
Recommendations should be in English.
☐ Request for your school(s) to send your transcript.
<ul> <li>High School: Ask your secondary school and/or exam board to email us an original, official transcript and/or examination results slip. English translations are required.</li> </ul>
• Post-Secondary:
<ul> <li>U.S. institution — Request an official transcript to be sent to BJU.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Institution outside the U.S. — Submit a <u>credential evaluation</u> report from</li> </ul>
World Education Services (WES) or The Evaluation Company (TEC).
☐ <b>Test of English for Admission:</b> If your birth language is not English, we require you to take an English exam for

admission to BJU. We accept either the TOEFL, TOEFL Essentials, IELTS or the GATEWAY for admission.

• You can choose the test that best fits your situation.

 $\bullet$  Please use the following chart for the score requirements for admission.

BEGINNING STEPS

• We require official results to be reported to BJU directly from the test administrator. Consider that scoring time results is different for each test.

Minimum Entry Requirements	TOEFL iBT	TOEFLEssentials	IELTS	GATEWAY			
Undergraduate							
Regular Admission	61 (section scores of 15)	7.5 (section scores of 7)	6.0 (section scores of 6.0)	425 (section scores of 375)			
Graduate							
Regular Admission	79 (section scores of 19)	9 (section scores of 8.5)	6.5 (section scores of 6.5)	475 (section scores of 425)			
PhD							
Regular Admission	100 (section scores of 23)	10.5 (section scores of 10)	7.0 (section scores of 7.0)	510 (section scores of 475)			

There may also b	e other items required for admission.	Your admission	counselor wi	ll communicate	this type of
information with	you.				

### OTHER FORMS AFTER THE ADMITTANCE DECISION

Work through financial aid:	Your admission	counselor	will help	you through	this pr	ocess a	after
the admittance decision.							

- ☐ **Take an SAT, ACT or CLT** in your country and request that official score results be sent to BJU. The school code for ACT is 3836, and the school code for SAT is 5065.
- ☐ Submit the Immunization Form by August 1.
- ☐ Submit the <u>Financial Affidavit</u> and bank statement(s).
  - Read the affidavit instructions explaining how to complete the form and supporting bank statement.
  - Finish the Adjustments Worksheet at the bottom of the first page.
  - Sign, date and notarize the affidavit. The affidavit does not need to be notarized if your parents are financial guarantors because parents are already legal guarantors for their children.
  - Include a supporting bank statement or letter showing in an account actual funds available that meet or exceed the minimum required for your first year of study.
  - Keep your original documents to support your visa interview.

#### I-20 AND VISA PROCESSING

- After you are admitted by the Admission Committee and you work through the steps listed above, BJU will issue a Form I-20.
  - □ The I-20 will be issued and sent **once your admission file is complete**.
  - □ I-20s will be sent to the student's main email account.
  - □ When you receive the I-20, **you will first have to pay a \$350 SEVIS I-901 fee**; instructions will be included with your I-20. Then schedule an appointment at a U.S. Consular office to obtain a visa. It may be several weeks before you can be scheduled for a visa interview. After the interview, it may take some additional time to receive the actual visa. Do not schedule a visa interview until after you receive the I-20 and have paid the \$350 SEVIS I-901 fee.

