

DEFERRAL REQUEST FORM

Name: _____

E-mail Address: _____ **Date of Birth:** _____

Current Application Semester

Year: _____

- Spring
- Summer I
- Summer II
- Fall

Defer to Semester

Year: _____

- Spring
- Summer I
- Summer II
- Fall

Signature: _____ Date: _____

I-20 Mailing Type: (For international Students Only)

Mail to foreign mailing address (\$50 Postage Fee)

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Country: _____

Mail to domestic mailing address (within U.S.) (\$25 Postage Fee)

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Country: _____

Pick-up at Virginia International University

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Reason for Deferral

- Not enough time for Visa Interview
- Visa approved but couldn't come
- Visa Denial
- Other: _____

Please note that your request for deferral will be processed after you have submit the following:

- *Deferral Request Form
- *Updated Bank Statement, if applicable
- *Updated Statement of Financial Support, if applicable
- *Postage fee, if applicable

Please upload the required documents to your Application Portal once the Deferral Fee (if applicable) is processed. We look forward to having you as a future student at VIU!

What does deferral mean?

Applicants who were unable to meet the application deadline for their current term have the option of moving their application to a later semester.

Why do I have to pay the postage fee?

In order to defer your application to a different semester, we will need to issue you a new I-20. If you have previously received an I-20 from VIU, the SEVIS number will remain the same.

How do I request a deferral?

A deferral request can only be considered after the applicant submits the following:

- *Deferral Request Form
- *Updated Bank Statement, if applicable
- *Updated Statement of Financial Support, if applicable
- *Postage fee, if applicable

Do I have to pay the SEVIS fee again?

When issuing a new I-20 for a different semester, we will use the same SEVIS number, therefore you will not need to pay an additional SEVIS fee if you defer to a different semester within 1 year.

Why do I need to send new financial documents?

In order to issue you a new I-20, we must have financial documents that are no more than six-months old.

Do I need to submit a new online application for a deferral?

No. Once your request is received along with the required documents and postage fee, your current application will be updated to reflect the semester change.

How long does it take to receive a new I-20 after I request a deferral?

Once your deferral documents and postage fee are received, it will take up to 5-7 business days to review and update your application. After your requirements are under final evaluation, it will take approximately 7-10 business days to issue an I-20.

What if my visa was denied?

We encourage you to defer your application and try again for the next semester. It is not uncommon for a student to be rejected the first time.