All visa applicants are required to show some type of financial evidence. This page will help you to work out what documents are required for your application.

1) Students applying for visas in the UK;
Making a visa application using a UK bank account is the best way to show financial evidence to the Home Office.

Please open a UK bank account as soon as possible after your arrival in the UK and deposit enough money to cover the fees and maintenance that you will need to show. The money needs to be kept at above the amount you require for at least 28 days prior to making your extension application.

This money must be for your use whilst you are studying and living in the UK and must continue to be in your account after you have made your visa application, except for any money that you have to pay for course fees and living costs.

2) All applicants;
- There are a few criteria that you must meet regardless of the amount you need to show:
  - The amount must be shown in Pounds Sterling – if you do not have a document in this currency you can include a print out of the currency convertor from www.oanda.com. This is the only currency conversion website that the Home Office accepts.
  - This money must be for your use whilst you are studying and living in the UK and must continue to be in your account after you have made your visa application, except for any money that you have to pay for course fees and living costs.
  - You must show that you have held the required money for a consecutive 28 day period (finishing on the date of the closing balance) ending no more than 31 days before your application.

Acceptable Documents
You can use any of the following documents for your application:
- bank statement dated no more than one month before the date of your application, and/or
- bank letter dated no more than one month before the date of your application, and/or
- pass book, and/or
- loan agreement dated up to 6 months before the date of your application, and/or
- sponsorship letter and permission to stay from sponsor, and/or
- Bristol scholarship – on CAS, and/or
- receipts for tuition fees and/or accommodation paid to the University of Bristol - originals only, not online receipts. Fee amounts paid can be shown on your CAS. The maximum accommodation amount that you pay the University (not A2Dominion or Unite House) that can be deducted will be £1,000, even if you pay more.

Bank Statements
Your bank statement must be dated no more than one month before the date of your application and show that you have had the required amount of money every day for 28 days. The bank statement must show;
- Your name;
- Your account number;
- The bank’s name and logo;
- The amount of money

Ad hoc bank statements printed on the bank’s letterhead are acceptable as evidence (this excludes mini-statements from cash points).
If you wish to submit electronic bank statements these must contain all of the details listed above. In addition, you will need to provide a supporting letter from your bank on company headed paper, confirming the authenticity of the statements provided.
Alternatively an electronic bank statement bearing the official stamp of the bank in question will be accepted. This stamp must appear on every page of the statement. We will not accept statements which show the balance in the account on a particular day as these documents do not show that you hold enough funds for the full period needed.

If you want to use a joint account as proof of your money, you must be named on the account along with one or more other person.

**Bank letters**

Your bank letter must be dated no more than one month before the date of your application and confirm that you have had the required amount of money every day for 28 days. The bank letter must show:

- Your name;
- Your account number;
- The date of the letter;
- The bank’s name and logo;
- The money in your account for 28 days;
- That there is enough money in the account (to cover your course fees and living costs)

- If you need to use your parents’ bank statements as evidence (because the money is not in your own bank account) read the information below:
- If your finances are being guaranteed by your parents then you must include the following with your application:
  - A letter from your parents (in English) stating that they are your parents and that they agree to allow you to use their money for your course.
  - Your birth certificate as evidence of your relationship.
  - Bank statement with amount in pounds sterling or with www.oanda.com currency conversion.

**Unacceptable Institutions**

The Home Office has a list of financial institutions that it will not accept documentation from, an up to date list can be found on their website at:
http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/documents/studying/financial-institutions/

If you use any one of these institutions you must move your money to an alternate location in order to provide suitable financial evidence. You have to meet the requirements for the deposit period, 28 days at or above the amount of fees and maintenance you require and a statement no more than one month old at the time of your application.

**Further Evidence**

The University of Bristol can include details of the money you have already paid to them (fees only) on your CAS. If your Tier 4 sponsor has included details of money paid to them on your CAS, no further documents are needed to show that this money has been paid. Any money for fees and maintenance that are not shown on your CAS must be shown in one of the ways listed above. If your Tier 4 sponsor has not included details of the money you have already paid on your CAS, you must send an original paper receipt issued by your UK Tier 4 sponsor confirming that you have paid all of your fees, or the amount that you have paid.

*If you pay any of your tuition fees, you should email your Faculty Office if you are postgraduate or Undergraduate Admissions if you are undergraduate, to ensure that the CAS is updated.

If you qualify for our differentiation arrangements because you are considered to be “low risk”, you are not required to include the evidential documents from this section with your application. You must, however, confirm on your application form that you meet the requirements set out in this section and that you hold documentary evidence in the manner required. The Home Office will sometimes ask a “low risk” student to send these documents and they reserve the right to request any or all the evidential documents from you.