



Banking for Residential International Students

Setting up a bank account is a critical step to living in the US. Without it, you cannot deposit checks or use a debit card. For students living on or near the HIU campus who do not own a vehicle, we recommend the Bank of America on 550 Farmington Ave (see map below for directions from HIU). The basic checking account does have some small fees. If you prefer to shop around for a better option, you are free to do so. There are hours when you may walk in, but we suggest you make an [appointment online](#) to be sure you are helped quickly. Bring the following documents with you to your appointment:

- Two forms of ID (date of birth and name are clear)
 - Your passport with your US visa
 - Your national ID card (e.g., from Mexico, Libya, or Malaysia)
 - Other forms of ID are acceptable if they have identifying information such as your I-20
 - Proof of address—this can take the form of your stipend check or a copy of the first page of your lease
 - Proof of acceptance as a student—a copy of your admissions letter

- Your phone with a working American phone number (you will be asked to verify your account with a code)

- *At least* \$25 in the form of cash or check
 - If you deposit more money or enable direct deposit, you may avoid account fees
 - We suggest that you get \$10 in quarters if you live in HIU housing to operate the washer and dryer
 - While you wait for your debit card to arrive in the mail, you may be able to access it electronically through the Bank of America app.



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