Admission Information:
(1) Financial Assistance-Depending upon departmental policy, Teaching, Graduate, or Research Assistantships are sometimes awarded to newly admitted international graduate students. The assistantships include a stipend and a tuition scholarship. In return for this study grant, the assistant will be required to teach, assist with research, or perform other duties as assigned by the department. For further information regarding these appointments, contact the department to which you are applying.

(2) Visa Information-Applicants recommended for admission by a graduate department are considered eligible for a visa certificate only after they have satisfied the language and financial requirements listed above. All international graduate students are issued a Certificate of Eligibility (I-20) for a Student Visa (F1). The issuance of an IAP-66 for the acquisition of Exchange Visitor status (J1) is restricted to the following applicants: (1) those funded by the U.S. government or by an international organization; (2) participants in formal SUNY at Buffalo exchange programs; (3) those currently in the U.S. on a J1 visa and transferring to this University to continue their original program purposes; (4) those from countries which require all departing students to possess Exchange Visitor Visas (J1). Indicate the type of visa necessary on the application form.

(3) Part-time and Nondegree Study-All international students are required to enroll as full-time degree program students. International students may be admitted as nondegree students only if they are funded by an institution or international agency for the specific purpose of nondegree study. If approved, such study may not exceed one calendar year in duration.

Part-time (less than 12 credit hours per semester) enrollment of international students is permitted only in the following cases: (1) Canadian nationals who intend to commute to this University for their course work; (2) persons holding non-immigrant visas other than F1 or J1; (3) spouses or dependents of persons holding F1 or J1 visas.

All nondegree students must meet all admission requirements applicable to full-time matriculating international students, including financial documentation. Courses taken by nondegree students do not automatically apply toward a graduate degree if the student eventually matriculates into a degree program.

(4) Final Admission and Pre-arrival Information-

Do not proceed to the University until you have received your Certificate of Eligibility and formal admission letter from the Office of Admissions.

Do not enter the U.S. on a Visitor’s Visa (B2) unless it is stamped “prospective student,” as it is extremely difficult to change your visa status while in the U.S.

Do not enter the US. on an I-20/IAP-66 issued by another U.S. university and expect to enroll at the State University of New York at Buffalo.

If accepted, you will receive additional information regarding pre-arrival information and housing availability.

F1 Language Proficiency: Native Language ____________________________

Date you have taken or will take the TOEFL: __________ / __________ / __________ TOEFL Score __________

F2. If you are currently in the U.S., complete (a) through (c) below:

(a) Date of Entry: __________ / __________ / __________ (b) Point of Entry: __________ (City)

(c) Current Visa Status: (circle one) F1 F2 J1 Student J1 Scholar J2 Other (If “Other;” specify type __________)

F3. If you are not currently in the U.S., please indicate the Visa type you are seeking: __________

F4. Canadian Citizens and Landed Immigrants only: (check one)

I will ___ commute from Canada or ___ establish temporary residence in the U.S.

F4. I Intend to study: (circle one) Full Time Part Time

MAIL THIS APPLICATION, THE APPLICATION FEE, ANY ADDITIONAL FORMS REQUIRED BY THE DEPARTMENT TO WHICH YOU ARE APPLYING, TRANSCRIPTS (in sealed envelopes from the university attended), AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO:

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