

OPENING A BANK ACCOUNT



WHAT TO BRING

- PASSPORT
- I-20 OR DS-2019
- CCA STUDENT ID CARD
- I-94 RECORD
- CASH OR CHECK TO DEPOSIT
(SUGGESTED AMOUNT: \$25 OR MORE)
- PROOF OF LOCAL ADDRESS IN THE U.S.
(E.G. HOUSING CONTRACT, UTILITY BILL)

To open a U.S. bank account, you will be asked to show proof of identification and local residency. Documentation requirements vary from bank to bank. Listed above are the common documents. Most major San Francisco banks do not require a social security number (SSN) or individual tax identification number (ITIN) to open a bank account. To ensure a smooth process, it is advisable to go in-person to open an account.

WHAT TO CONSIDER



There are many local banks within walking distance or a short bus ride from campus. Locate your closest bank near you [here](#).

- Tip #1 : Check in with the bank teller about student accounts for international students/non-U.S. students.
- Tip #2: Look to see if the bank also offer services in different languages.

Click or scan the QR codes below to learn more about recommended banks from fellow international students:

(1) BANK OF AMERICA (2) CHASE BANK (3) WELLS FARGO



KEY THINGS TO KNOW



TWO BASIC TYPES OF ACCOUNTS:
CHECKING AND SAVINGS

Checking accounts allow you to make day-to-day deposits and withdrawals. It typically comes with a debit/ATM card and personal checks that are linked to your checking account. Please advise that depending on the bank, there may be a minimum monthly balance requirement and overdraft fees included.

Saving accounts allow you to earn interest on the money you deposit. It is however not for everyday use. The number of transactions are limited and interest accrued depends on each bank.

DO NOT KEEP A LARGE AMOUNT OF CASH

To ensure that money does not get stolen or lost, it is best not to carry a large amount of cash in your wallet or keep in your apartment or residence halls. Secure your money in your bank for safety purposes.