



USG Mandatory Student Health Insurance Categories Guidelines – 2023 - 2024

The following students are required to have student health insurance that meets the minimum standards set by the University System of Georgia. Students in these categories who are not covered by a policy held by a parent, spouse, employer or if the policy does not meet the minimum standards, will be charged for a USG Student Health Insurance Plan (SHIP) policy.

All USG Institutions

The following students are required to enroll in the USG SHIP unless they are approved for a waiver based on USG Waiver Requirements:

- All graduate students receiving a Full Tuition Waiver as part of their graduate assistantship award.
- All undergraduate and graduate international students holding F or J status enrolled for an entire semester.
- All undergraduate and graduate students enrolled in programs that require proof of health insurance.
- All graduate students receiving fellowships that fully fund their tuition.

*International students remaining in their home country for the entirety of the semester are not required to enroll in SHIP.

Non-degree seeking international students (including ESL) enrolling in classes for less than a semester, Post-Completion Optional Practical Training (OPT) F status students and Post Completion Academic Training J status students, and J Exchange Visitors not enrolled in academic classes, scholar statuses and certain other international non-student categories do not fall under this policy and should follow U.S. State Department regulations regarding coverage. As a general rule, proof of coverage must be submitted at the time of the immigration check-in appointment and coverage options include the USG Student Health Insurance Plan and other international coverages (including the PGH Global plan offered through United Healthcare Student Resources).