Dear International Students,

Welcome to BYU-Idaho! As part of being an international student there is a deposit that needs to be made before we are able to issue your I-20. It will be either $4000(LDS) or $6000(Non-LDS). This deposit is similar to a prepayment plan where the money will be used for items listed below.

With certain exceptions, you will be required to place a deposit with BYU-Idaho before we can issue you your I-20: $4000 for LDS or $6000 for Non-LDS. This deposit is held for you in an interest bearing account and may be used as follows:

- In your first semester, half of your deposit or $2000 ($3000 for Non-LDS) will automatically be credited towards tuition and other expenses such as books, insurance, etc. If you have a scholarship or other resources to pay your tuition, the deposit will go to cover other school expenses until amounts owed to the school are covered. The remaining balance will be available for withdrawal or can be used to cover future school expenses.

- In your second semester, the remaining $2000 ($3000 for Non-LDS) will automatically be credited towards tuition and other expenses such as books, insurance, etc. Again, if you have scholarship or other sources to cover tuition, the deposit will go to other school expenses until amounts owed to the school are covered. The remaining balance will be available for withdrawal or can be left to cover future school expenses.

- If money from the deposit is used to cover FedEx, the SEVIS I-901 Fee, or other approved expenses before the semester starts, the amount available to you during your first semester will be less than $2000 by the amount used.

- Any remaining deposit money that you choose to leave in the account will be returned to you or your sponsor when you enter your last semester, transfer, or otherwise leave the university.

If you have any other questions or concerns please feel free to contact our office.

Sincerely,

R. Mike Oswald
International Services Manager