

Kredila Overseas Education Loan Policy – USA

This document outlines the comprehensive guidelines and regulatory framework for education loans provided by **Kredila** for students pursuing higher education in the United States. Our goal is to empower Indian scholars by providing seamless financial bridges to world-class American institutions.

1. Overview

Kredila specializes in customized financial solutions for Indian students aiming to study at accredited universities in the United States. We recognize that the US is a premier destination for global education, and our policy is designed to cover the total cost of attendance, including tuition, living expenses, and travel, ensuring students can focus entirely on their academic success.

2. Eligible Courses

To maintain a high-quality loan portfolio and ensure post-graduation employability for our borrowers, Kredila restricts funding to high-growth, accredited programs.

- **Institution Criteria:** Only institutions approved by the **Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP)** and recognized by the US Department of Education are eligible.
- **Qualifying Programs:**
 - **STEM Fields:** Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (eligible for extended OPT).
 - **Management:** MBA and specialized Master's in Finance/Analytics.
 - **Research:** MS and PhD programs from Tier-1 and Tier-2 universities.
 - **Professional Degrees:** Select Law (LLM) and Healthcare administration programs.

3. Loan Amount & Interest

Kredila provides substantial funding to match the rising costs of American education.

- **Maximum Limit:** Students can avail themselves of a loan amount up to **INR 75 Lakhs**.

- **Interest Rate Structure:** Rates are **floating** and indexed to **RBI benchmarks** (such as the Repo Rate) plus a spread determined by the applicant's credit profile and the university's ranking.
- **Repayment Grace Period:** A moratorium period is granted for the duration of the course plus an additional 6–12 months for job placement.

4. Collateral Rules

We offer a blend of secured and unsecured options to accommodate different financial backgrounds.

- **Threshold:** Loans exceeding **INR 40 Lakhs** require mandatory collateral.
- **Acceptable Collateral Types:**
 - **Residential Property:** Must be self-occupied or vacant, located in approved urban geographical limits, and free of legal encumbrances.
 - **Fixed Deposits:** Held with Kredila's partner banks, with a lien marked in favor of Kredila.
- **Valuation:** Collateral will be valued by Kredila's authorized third-party evaluators; the Loan-to-Value (LTV) ratio typically caps at 80% for property.

5. Disbursement Policy

Disbursement is a milestone-based process to ensure the security of funds and compliance with international banking norms.

1. **Visa Prerequisite:** Initial disbursement is strictly subject to the presentation of a valid **F-1 or J-1 Student Visa**.
2. **University Verification:** Funds are ideally remitted directly to the university's bursar office for tuition fees.
3. **FX Rate Validation:** All disbursements are calculated based on the prevailing **Foreign Exchange (FX) rates** at the time of transfer. Kredila reserves the right to adjust the final INR drawdown to reflect currency fluctuations.

6. Risk & Exceptions

While we strive for a smooth experience, certain external factors may trigger policy exceptions or delays.

- **FX Volatility:** Significant fluctuations in the USD/INR exchange rate may require the borrower to provide additional margin money if the loan limit is breached.

- **Delayed Visa Verification:** In cases of administrative processing (Section 221(g) delays), Kredila will hold disbursement until clear clearance is provided.
- **Policy Exceptions:** Any deviation from the standard INR 75 Lakh limit or collateral requirements requires the explicit approval of the **Kredila Credit Committee**.

Note: Students are encouraged to apply at least 3 months prior to their program start date to account for document verification and legal checks.