

Northwestern

Office of International Students and Scholar Services

STEPS FOR NEWLY ADMITTED STUDENTS

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ADMISSION

Congratulations on your admission! Set up your [Northwestern NetID](#), password, and [Email](#).



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PAY TUITION DEPOSIT (IF REQUIRED BY ACADEMIC PROGRAM)

Pay your NU [tuition deposit](#).



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AWAIT ACCESS TO THE OISS PORTAL

Generally, within 2 weeks of completing steps 1 & 2, new international student admissions are communicated to OISS. Upon receiving access to the portal, you will receive a system generated email notification.



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COMPLETE I-20/DS-2019 REQUEST

Log in to the OISS Portal and complete the [immigration document request](#).



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I-20/DS-2019 REQUEST PROCESSED BY OISS

Current processing time is 4 weeks from the time the request is completed and submitted. You will receive an email alerting you when your I-20/DS-2019 has been processed.



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RECEIVE IMMIGRATION DOCUMENT

- **F-1 students:** Access I-20 via OISS portal, print, and sign in ink.
- **J-1 students:** Receive DS-2019 in the mail; sign in ink.



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PAY SEVIS FEE

Go to [I-901 Fee](#) website to pay your SEVIS fee.



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SCHEDULE VISA APPOINTMENT

- Learn about [how to apply for a visa stamp](#).
- Canadian students can skip steps 8-10.



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ATTEND VISA APPOINTMENT

- Attend visa appointment with [required documents](#).
- Canadian students can skip steps 8-10.



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F-1/J-1 VISA ISSUED

- The US Consulate/Embassy will affix your F-1 or J-1 visa in your passport.
- Canadian students can skip steps 8-10.



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TRAVEL TO THE UNITED STATES

Review [New Student FAQs](#).



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ATTEND ORIENTATION & IMMIGRATION CHECK-IN

Complete the "Student Check-In" request on the [OISS Portal](#) within 5 days of arrival to Northwestern.



IMPORTANT NOTE: New students should regularly check their Northwestern email address. All communications from OISS will be sent to the Northwestern email address only.

Questions? Contact intoff@northwestern.edu