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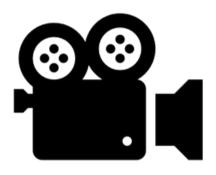


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This workshop is being recorded and will be published at ois.jhu.edu.



Use the Q&A feature to submit a question.



About OIS Student Advising Team

OIS is a virtual office with highly trained advisors committed to supporting and welcoming the international student community by providing equitable access, and reliable and timely assistance.

We serve students in F-1 status (I-20), J-1 Exchange Visitors (DS-2019), degree-seeking students, exchange students, and spouses & children in F-2 and J-2 status.

We are your go-to resource for all F-1 or J-1 immigration inquiries and related requests. We provide resources to help you navigate and maintain your immigration status and act as liaisons between international students and the intricate regulatory landscape.











Learning Objectives

- Identify immigration status appropriate for you
- Understand process to request I-20/DS-2019
- Distinguish process for arriving at JHU if outside or inside U.S.



Roadmap



F-1 or J-1 Eligibility









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Student Visa Types

	F-1	
Purpose	Primary visa status used for international students	Degree studen Non-de studen
Funding Source	Source of funding is more flexible; details on requirements will be reviewed in slides	Govern Amidea
Funding Amount	Must show funding for one academic year	Must sh program
Immigration Document	Form I-20	Form D

J-1

ee-seeking: J-1 status is required by ent's financial sponsor

degree: Visiting and exchange ents

rnment funding, such as: Fulbright, east, LASPAU, Department of State

show funding for full academic am

DS-2019

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Request an I-20 or DS-2019

Look for OIS Notification:

After you accept admission and pay any required program deposit, you will receive an email from OIS (ois@jhu.edu) with instructions to request an I-20 or DS-2019. You will submit a request in our portal:

ihopkins.jhu.edu

Documentation to Provide:

- Unexpired passport
- Financial documents (less than 3 months old)
- Dependent information + funding

OIS Processing Time: 10 Business Days



Login



Welcome to the iHopkins Self-Service Portal

iHopkins is the Johns Hopkins University database used by the Office of International Services (OIS) to manage immigration and advising services for international students, scholars, faculty, and employees.

JHED LOGIN INSTRUCTIONS

1. ACTIVE JHED LOGIN

• International Students, Scholars, and Employees with an ACTIVE JHED ID and password click the 'Login' button below.

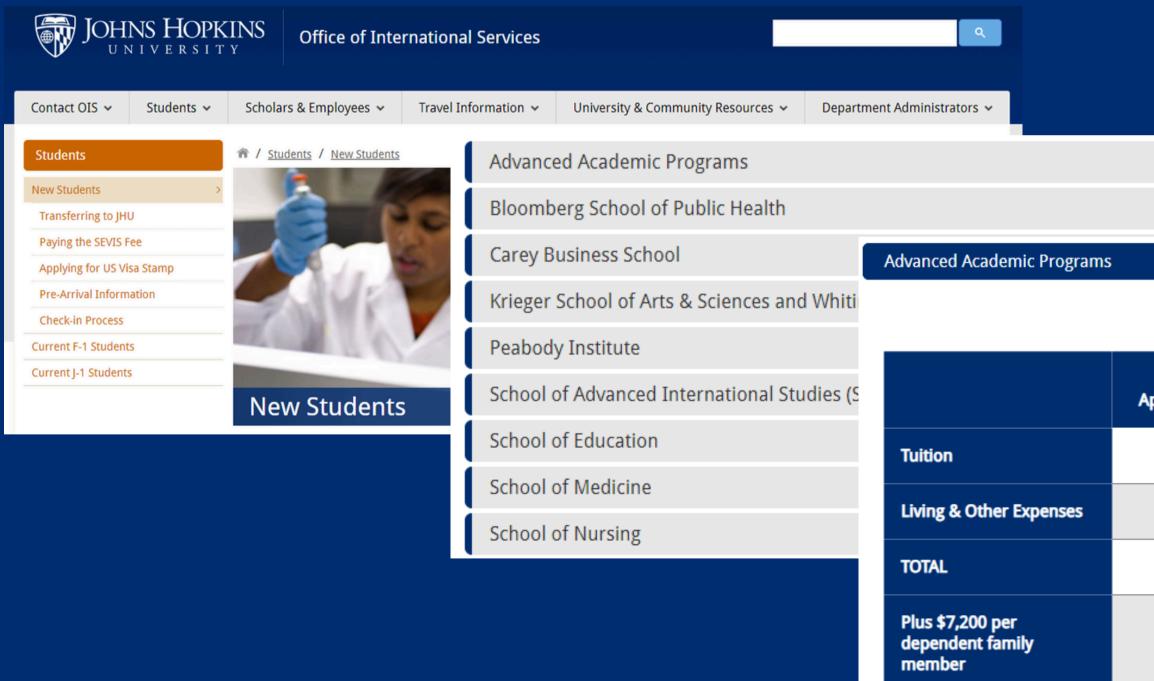
 Departmental Administrators – if you have attended required iHopkins training, been granted iHopkins access, or if you are an authorized iHopkins business user, click the 'Login' button below

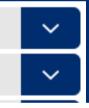
Enter your Johns Hopkins JHED ID (a.k.a login/network ID) and password. For JHED Account Issues, contact the IT Help Desk.

Financial Documentation: OIS Expense Charts

How much funding should I show?

1. Refer to your School's Expense Chart on <u>OIS New Student Webpage</u>





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Estimated Expenses

Film and Media; Biotechnology; Applied Economics; Financial Economics	Communication; Global Security Studies: Government; Public Management
\$32,400	\$28,680
\$25,600	\$25,600
\$58,000	\$54,280

Financial Documentation: OIS Expense Charts

How much funding should I show?

- 2. Students must show ability to cover all expenses (living and tuition)
 - F-1: for one year of their program
 - J-1: for the length of their entire program
- 3. Add \$7,200 per dependent, if any

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Carla is admitted to the MBA program in Carey Business School. Carla will be applying for the F-1 visa and is requesting an I-20 for themselves and their spouse. **How much funding do they need to show?**

a. \$93,100
b. \$100,300
c. \$115,100
d. \$122,300





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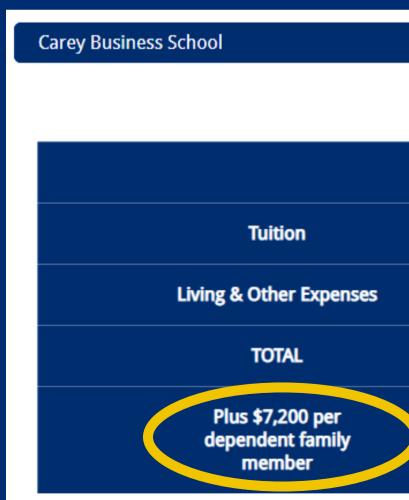
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Financial Documentation: Examples of Acceptable Sources of Funding

- Funding from Johns Hopkins University
- Personal funds
- Family funds
- Student loan document
 - Student loan approval letters must show that the loan is fully underwritten and prepared for disbursement.
 - Conditional approval letters are not acceptable unless the condition is directly related to obtaining the student visa document.
- Funds from your home government
- Other institutional funds such as the student's current employer, scholarship awarding agencies, etc.
- Any combination of the above



Financial Documentation: Requirements

Acceptable **Account Types**

- Bank Letter/Statements
- Checking Account
- Savings Deposit
- Certificate of Deposit
- Government financial guarantee
- Company sponsorship letter
- Term/Fixed Deposit (as long as withdrawal will be available for program start)

- Assets

Unacceptable Account Types

• Term/Fixed Deposit not available for withdrawal by program start Savings Optional Deposit Retirement Accounts Investment Accounts Stock Market Accounts • Life Insurance Policies

Financial Documentation: Requirements

Financial Documents Requirements:

- Must be in English, or translation provided
- Must be issued in past 3 months
- Must be liquid assets
- Show account holder name, date, currency type, and balance
- Limited to one page
- If under a different name, must attach Affidavit of Support Form signed by sponsor





Financial Documentation: Affidavit of Support

Who completes this form:

• If funding source is <u>not</u> under the student's name, an Affidavit of Support Form must be completed.

Signature on Form:

- This form must be hand-signed or electronically signed by the sponsor.
- Electronic signature cannot be a typed out. It must be a unique signature.

Student's N

Student's Date of Birth: 01/01/2004

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I have reviewed and understand the estimated minimum expenses required. I agree that I will provide the above-stated financial support. I understand that failure to provide the above stated amount can result in a violation of the student's immigration status and the loss of benefits associated with this status. I certify that all the information on this form is true and accurate.

The sponsor's signature below should reflect an original signature unique to the sponsor. The signature can be signed in ink, a DocuSign signature, an adobe certified signature, a digital replication of a signature, or a drawn signature. A typed signature is not sufficient.

Sponsor's

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Sponsor's Signa

Date: 10/22/2

AFFIDAVIT OF SUPPORT

If a family member or friend is sponsoring you financially while at Johns Hopkins University, they must complete this form. If a single bank document lists two account holders, only one account holder must complete this form. If you are providing multiple bank documents from multiple sponsors, each sponsor must complete a separate affidavit confirming the total funding they are willing to provide.

Name:	John	Smith
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Smith	, will support John Smith	with no less
(NAME)	(STUDENT'S NAME)	
100,000	for (check one):	
(AMOUNT)		

their first academic year at JHU (check this box for F-1 students)

the duration of their studies at JHU (check this box for J-1 students)

this student already has an I-20/DS-2019 and I am supporting them for the additional time

needed to complete their program (check this box ONLY if the student is already studying at JHU and is applying for an I-20 or DS-2019 extension).

I have provided financial documentation of liquid assets to the student to provide to the Office of International Services.

Indicate your support of the student's dependents (check one):

I WILL support the student's dependents.

I WILL NOT support the student's dependents.

The student does not have dependents.

Name (printed): Jane Smith
hip to student: Parent

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Financial Documentation: JHU Scholarships

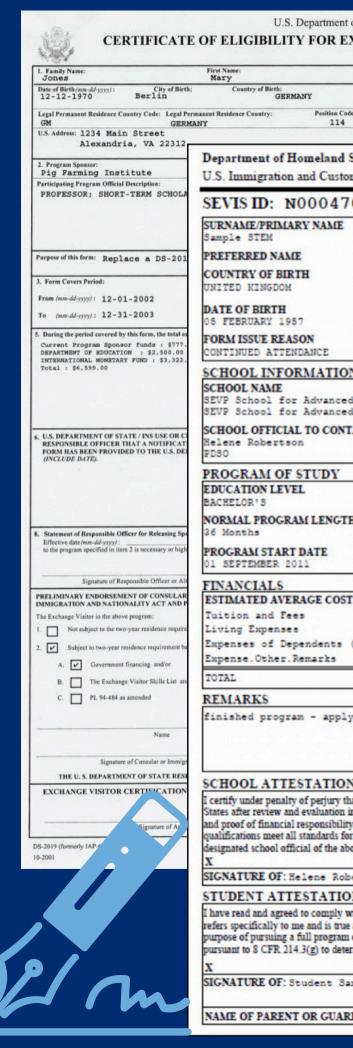
- Some JHU Scholarship letters will detail all tuition is covered and provide a specific stipend amount. If the details and stipend amount is enough to cover all expenses, typically, OIS can proceed with these letters.
- Other JHU scholarship offers will provide a set amount and the student will need to provide additional funding evidence to cover the remaining program expenses • Example a scholarship offer of \$16,000
- In other cases, a students may be offered a scholarship option. The student will be required to upload a screenshot of their decision with the JHU Funding offer letter their Eform:
 - Example:
 - 75% tuition waiver in the program's 2nd year
 - -Or-
 - 25% tuition waiver in the progam's first year with 50% waiver in the 2nd year



Review I-20/DS-2019

1. Check for accuracy

- 2. Print
- 3. Sign!



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Case Study

Emmanuel is admitted to a Master's program for Spring 2025. They submit a request for an I-20 on December 1, 2024. In their request, they provide a copy of their parent's bank statement issued on August 20, 2024. The funds are frozen until February 1, 2025.

What issue do you see with Emmanuel's documentation, if any?

- a. No issues!
- b. Missing affidavit of support
- c. Funding document is older than 3 months
- d. Funding document is frozen after semester start date



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Next Steps: Students Outside of U.S.



Pay I-901 SEVIS Fee

• Pay at fmjfee.com



Schedule visa appointment

- Recommend scheduling in your home country
- Refer to: www.usembassy.gov
- Appropriate Wait Times: travel.state.gov



Visa Appointment

When to go:

Schedule visa appointment as soon as you get your I-20 or DS-2019

Gather documentation:

Passport, I-20 or DS-2019, fee payment receipt, photo, admission letter, financial documentation

Additional documentation: Any dependent documents, any other documents required by your local U.S. consulate, all applicable visa application forms and fees

Interview:

Consular officer will determine qualification for student visa, fingerprints, and your intent to return home



Visa Interview Considerations

Ties to Your Home Country and Residence Abroad

• You should be able to show that you have reasons for returning to your home country and intention to depart the U.S. at the conclusion of your studies.

Know the Program and How It Fits Your Career Plans

• You should also be able to explain how studying in the U.S. relates to your career goals and employment prospects when you return home.

Be Brief and Maintain a Positive Attitude

- Keep your answers to the officer's questions short and to the point.
- Responding precisely to the consular officer's questions and statements.



Visa Interview Considerations

Different Requirements for Different Countries

• Review your country's specific requirements on the U.S. consulate's website.

Dependents Remaining at Home?

- Be prepared to explain how they will support themselves in your absence.
- If your family decides to join you at a later time, it may be helpful to have them apply at the same post where you applied for your visa.

Other Special Considerations

- Tell the Truth
- Social Media
- Past Visits to the US
- Arrests/Convictions
- Third Country Nationals

Visa Issuance: Don't be Alarmed

Administrative Processing

- Commonly occurs if:
 - Your name is similar to another individual and the consulate needs to check your background
 - Area of study is thought to be in a field of sensitive or critical technology
- OIS cannot intervene in these cases

Visa expires before program end date

- $\,\circ\,$ Your visa is allowed to expire inside the U.S.
- Visa renewal is possible if you have future travel plans



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OIS Processing Time:

- Will process I-20/DS-2019 requests within 10 business days
- All information will need to be accurate for us to proceed; errors may cause delays



Consular Processing Time:

- Depends on country: *travel.state.gov* will provide estimated wait times
- New appointment slots may open, so keep watch
- 2 weeks needed to issue visa once approved



Additional time needed in special cases:

• Administrative processing may sometimes occur based on country and major



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Entering the U.S.

Do not attempt to enter the US more than 30 days before your start date

Carry your immigration documents with you on the plane: passport, visa, I-20/DS-2019

CBP will inspect your documents upon your arrival and determine your admissibility

If you need to reach OIS in an emergency to address a US visa or border issue, you can call +1 667-208-7001 Monday through Friday 9 am-4pm EST) or +1-443-240-1938 at other times.

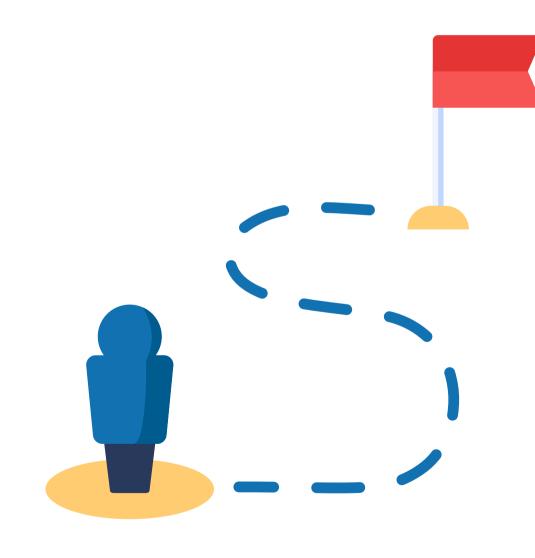


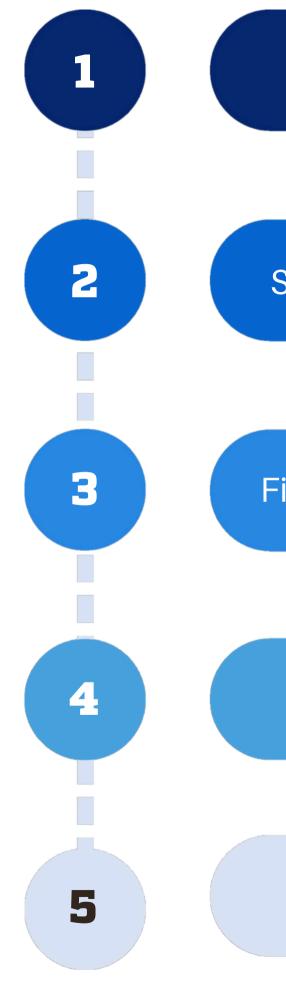


Once you are allowed to enter the US, **CBP will** provide a new electronic I-94 record

New Student Journey

We recommend beginning this process as soon you receive your JHU Admission and OIS email.





Request for visa document from OIS

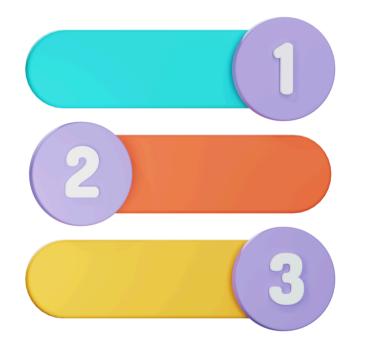
Schedule and Prepare for Visa Interview

Finalize Housing & Review JHU Resources

Prepare for Departure

Arrive in the U.S.



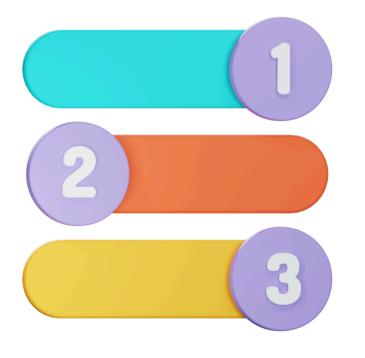


When is the earliest you can enter the U.S.?
a. 30 days before program start date
b. 60 days before session start date
c. 2 weeks before program start date
d. Any time



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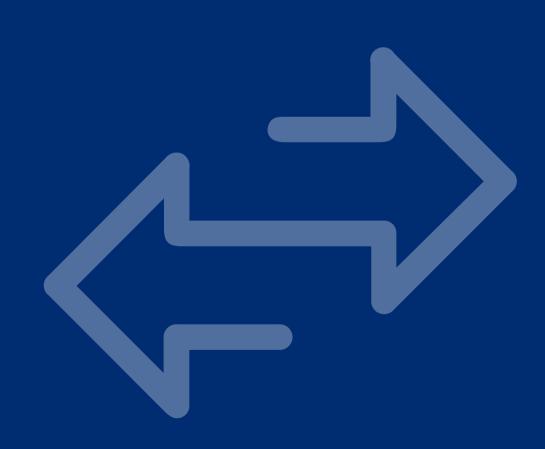
Students Currently in the U.S.

Change of Immigration Status

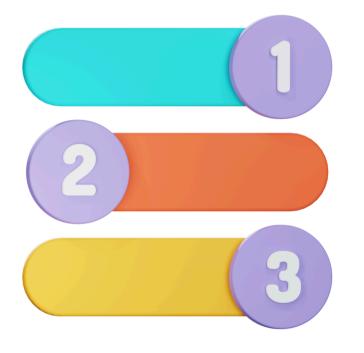
- Individuals in the U.S. in another visa status may have two options:
 - 1. Depart the US and apply for student visa
 - 2. File for a Change of Status inside the U.S. with assistance of an immigration attorney

Transferring SEVIS Record

- F-1 or J-1 students in the U.S. may transfer their SEVIS record to JHU if:
 - They are currently studying at another U.S. school,
 - They have just completed a degree at another U.S. School, or
 - They are on OPT or within their OPT grace period







Where are you located/What are your plans?

- Outside of the US: Initial I-20/DS-2019
- Inside US: Transfer SEVIS record to JHU
- Inside US: Change of immigration status
- Other

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Mandatory Check-In with OIS

After arriving at JHU, ALL students must complete the REQUIRED check-in process with OIS in iHopkins.

Deadline:

You must complete this online check-in within 15 days of your program start date.

Student Process:

- 1. Attend online Orientation
- 2. Submit Check-in eForm and submit immigration documents

OIS Process will review:







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Tips from a Fellow International Student:

Transportation from Airport:

- <u>Super Shuttle</u> serving BWI, Reagan/National and Dulles
- <u>The Airport Shuttle</u> serving BWI, Reagan/National and Dulles
- <u>MTA/Baltimore Light Rail</u> serving BWI in a limited capacity
- Many downtown Baltimore hotels will offer free airport shuttle service for individuals staying with them. Check with the hotel to see if this is an option.

Estelle Schurink



Neuroscience Major Co-lead of ISAH for undergraduate students Class of 2025

Tips from a Fellow International Student:

Connect with International Students/Campus Groups:

- International Students at Hopkins (ISAH):
 - New Student Guide Book for all international students
- Indian Graduate Student Association (ISGA):
 - WhatsAPP groups
- JHU tudent groups on social media
 - Based on country of origin
 - Some specific guides provided by international student groups





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New Students

Welcome to Hopkins! All international students admitted to eligible degree programs within the Johns Hopkins University schools will be issued an I-20 Certificate of Eligibility for F-1 student status. In some cases, students may be eligible for J-1 student status. To understand the difference between F-1 and J-1 visa types, click here.





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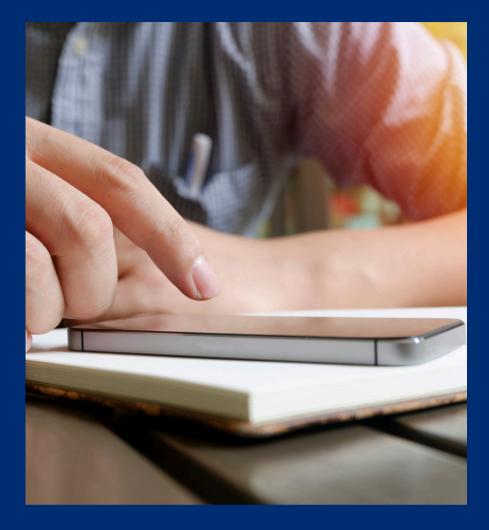
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