How To Receive Your I-20 Form And Apply for the F-1 Visa
After receiving confirmation of your admission to UT Dallas, submit the following documents to the ISSO:

- **UTD Financial Affidavit Form**
- **Proof of financial support for 1 academic year** (e.g. bank statement, bank letter, scholarship and/or assistantship award letter, etc.)
- **Copy of your passport ID page**

Submit copies by email to [ISSOProspective@utdallas.edu](mailto:ISSOProspective@utdallas.edu).
Financial Documents for I-20

- UT Dallas Financial Affidavit
- Financial Documents such as:
  - Bank statement on bank letterhead, no older than six months.
  - UT Dallas TA/RA letter, if you have been granted an assistantship.
  - UT Dallas Scholarship letter, if you have been granted an scholarship.

It is not necessary to delay the issuance of your I-20 Form until you have received confirmation of your scholarship or assistantship. You may submit personal and/or sponsor funding to issue your I-20. Your I-20 can be updated later if you receive proof of your scholarship/assistantship and you would like the award reflected on your I-20. *Please note that if you have already received your F-1 Visa, you will need to apply for a new F-1 Visa if your I-20 funding is updated after Visa issuance.*
When will I receive my I-20?

- Once all documents are received, it takes 2 business days to issue an I-20
  - Passport
  - UT Dallas Financial Affidavit
  - Financial Documents
  - Will be emailed if documents are missing
- Email sent to students once I-20 is issued
  - Option for Express Mail (3-4 day service)
- 4-6 weeks by regular mail once sent

http://www.utdallas.edu/isko/i20-receive/
How to Apply for Your F-1 Visa

The F-1 visa is issued by U.S. Consulates/Embassies abroad, and each Consulate/Embassy has differing requirements and procedures for the visa application. It is recommended that you apply for your visa in your country of citizenship or permanent residence.

• Complete and submit the DS-160, Online Nonimmigrant Visa Application form, by visiting the [US Department of State website](https://travel.state.gov/content/visadirect/ds160/169.html).
  - UT Dallas’ school code: DAL214F00379000

• Pay the mandatory SEVIS I-901 Fee at [https://www.ice.gov/sevis/i901](https://www.ice.gov/sevis/i901)

• Prepare documents for your Visa Application Interview
Documents for Your Visa Application Interview

- All appropriate U.S. Department of State forms and documents as listed on the Embassy/Consulate Web site, including your non-refundable visa application fee and photographs.
- Valid passport.
- Information showing admission to a UT Dallas program.
- Financial Support Evidence.
- Receipt for payment of SEVIS I-901 fee.
- Documents proving intent to return to the home country after completion of F-1 status.
- Form I-20 signed by your UT Dallas International Student Advisor.
Students can experience significant delays due to required security checks. Masters and PhD students in scientific and technical fields are advised to provide detailed information about their field of study when applying for visas.

- Some helpful items to bring to your visa interview include:
  - Resume
  - List of publications including samples, and
  - Letter from the UT Dallas academic department specifying the area of research and possible applications.
What are my NEXT Steps?

- View the New Student Check List: http://www.utdallas.edu/icp/new-student-checklist/
  - Travel Guide to UT Dallas
    - Timing of Arrival
    - What to Pack
    - Airport Pick-Up
  - Tasks to complete before coming to the US
  - Tasks to complete after arriving in the US
Helpful Immigration Websites

• U.S. Customs & Border Protection
  – www.cbp.gov

• I-901 SEVIS Fee
  – www.ice.gov/sevis/i901

• Study in the States
  – studyinthestates.dhs.gov

• U.S. Department of State – Bureau of Consular Affairs
  – travel.state.gov/content/travel/english.html
Additional Questions?

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