New International F-1 Student
Pre-Arrival Checklist

☐ Apply to UT Dallas online:
  utdallas.edu/admissions

☐ Track your admissions status and accept your admission in Galaxy:
  utdallas.edu/galaxy

☐ Set-up and access your UT Dallas email. All official communication from UTD will be sent to this account:
  utdallas.edu/oit/office365

☐ Apply for a passport if you do not have one.

☐ Apply for a Form I-20 by completing the UT Dallas Financial Affidavit and submitting financial documents (copy of passport is required):
  utdallas.edu/isso/i20-receive

☐ If desired, opt for express mail to receive your Form I-20:
  utdallas.edu/isso/expmail
  Otherwise, Form I-20 is sent through regular postal mail which takes 4-6 weeks for delivery.

☐ Pay SEVIS I-901 fee online, once you receive your Form I-20:
  fmjfee.com/i901fee

☐ Register for mandatory International Student Orientation:
  utdallas.edu/icp/iso

☐ Complete mandatory Pre-Arrival Modules administered through eLearning:
  utdallas.edu/elearning

☐ Contact your corresponding U.S. embassy or consulate to schedule your visa interview:
  usembassy.gov

☐ Prepare the required documents for your visa interview. In addition to filling out the Form DS-160 online, check the website for your U.S. consulate/embassy to see what documents they require.
  Generally, you should bring:
  ☐ Admission Letter
  ☐ Form I-20
  ☐ Proof of funding/sponsorship as reflected on the Form I-20
  ☐ Passport
  ☐ Proof of ties to your home country and intent to return after studying
  ☐ Any other recommendations based on the consulate/embassy website

☐ Take the Meningitis Vaccine (mandatory for all students under 22 years of age) and submit the results to the UTD Registrar Office:
  utdallas.edu/registrar/legislative-policies/vaccine

☐ Research housing. There are both on-campus and off-campus housing options:
  utdallas.edu/icp/housing

☐ Enter the U.S. as a student no earlier than 30 days prior to start of classes.
  At the port of entry, present your passport, F-1 student visa, Form I-20, and your admission letter.

☐ Become familiar with the requirements for maintaining your F-1 status:
  utdallas.edu/isso/f1-maintain