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Applying for F-1 Student Visa

Documents to take to an F-1 Visa interview

- o Current Form I-20
- o Form DS-160 online application for non-immigrant visa.
- o Receipt for I-901 Fee (pay fee online here:
<https://fmjfee.com/i901fee/desktop/students/formSelection.htm>).
- o Current passport that is valid for at least 6 months.
- o Original letter of admission to ITU.
- o A recent bank statement (within 6 months) reflecting a balance of \$36,293.25 or more.
- o An affidavit of support for each bank statement that is provided by a financial sponsor.
- o Copy of undergraduate degree certificate.
- o Official transcripts from all academic institutions attended in the United States (if applicable).
- o Two colored 2 by 2 inch passport style photographs.
- o Any other forms or documents asked for on the U.S. consulate website where the visa interview will take place.
- o TOFEL, IELTS, or other proof of English proficiency (or conditional enrollment letter)

Find U.S. Consulate or Embassy Now: <https://www.usembassy.gov/>

Special Notes

When applying for your student visa, pay careful attention to the following:

- The U.S. Department of State has instructed U.S. consulates that they may issue an F-1 visa no more than 120 days in advance of the program start date. However, an application for an F-1 visa can be submitted more than 120 days in advance of the I-20 start date in order to accommodate long processing times but the visa validity will never be before the 120 day mark. Check the website of the consulate where you will apply for a visa for detailed instructions.
- You may enter the U.S. **no more than 30 days** prior to the starting date noted on the I-20 form. If you try to enter the U.S. more than 30 days before the start date on your I-20, you may not be permitted to enter the U.S.
- You must pay particular attention to the starting date noted on your I-20 form, as you must enter the U.S. by this date.