



Congratulations on receiving your I-20! This is the first exciting step towards your educational journey in the United States. Follow the steps below and let us know if you have any questions.

## NEXT STEPS FOR INITIAL STUDENTS

### Step 1: Pay the SEVIS I-901 Fee

Visit [fmjfee.com](https://fmjfee.com) and pay the fee online. Don't forget to print the receipt because you'll need it for your visa appointment.

### Step 2: Complete the Visa Application

Fill out the DS-160 form at [ceac.state.gov/genniv](https://ceac.state.gov/genniv)

### Step 3: Visit the US Embassy

Get your F-1 visa at the [U.S. Embassy or Consulate](#). If your family is coming with you, book everyone's visa appointments together to travel to the U.S. at the same time.

### Step 3: Book Your Travel

Arrive early if you can. You can enter the U.S. 30 days before your I-20 start date. Use this time to settle in, like finding housing and opening a bank account.

### Step 4: Travel to the U.S.

Be sure to keep your F-1 visa, Form I-20, and Passport with you, not in your luggage. At the Port of Entry, if you're given Form I-515A upon arrival, tell your center's DSO right away.

### Step 5: Report to your Center

Our address is [252 West 29th Street, 2nd floor, New York, NY 10001](#). Have your Form I-20, passport, visa, and local contact information ready. Make sure to keep all these documents safe and accessible throughout your travel and entry into the U.S.

### Final Step: Begin your Studies!

We're thrilled to have you here. Embrace this new chapter with enthusiasm and curiosity. Welcome to our academic community!