

OFFICE OF GLOBAL SERVICES:

Fall Transition for Global Scholars and London Scholars



Office of Global Services (OGS)

Who We Are:

The Office of Global Services (OGS) is an active resource to over 24,000 international students and scholars from 147 different nations across the world. We provide the professional expertise and support you need to maintain compliance through immigration, academic, and your employment experiences.

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Your resource for questions about:



International Student Orientation



I-20 and SEVIS record updates



Change of Visa Status



Maintaining F-1 status



Employment authorization (CPT, OPT, etc.)



International travel

...and much more!



Fall Transition Considerations

As you are nearing the end of the Spring Term, OGS wanted to prepare you for the next steps to adjust your nonimmigrant status within the U.S.

An I-20 must be created to reflect your transition from your current program to the studies in the Fall to continue into your Bachelor's Degree program.

Global Scholars: Change of Degree Level I-20 Request Required https://international.northeastern.edu/ogs/current-students/understanding-visa-requirements/change-of-degree-level/

London Scholars: Pre-Arrival I-20 Request Required https://international.northeastern.edu/ogs/new-students/i-20-ds-2019-application/prearrivali20/

Please note that this does not pertain to Permanent Residents or students studying on another study-eligible nonimmigrant visa that doesn't require full-time studies to maintain your status.

If you have not reported your study-eligible nonimmigrant status to OGS, please do so to appropriately update your record through the Data Form:

https://international.northeastern.edu/ogs /forms-and-guides/data-form-for-non-nuvisa-sponsored-new-students/



Preparation for the I-20 Request

▶ What documents are needed for the I-20 Request?

- ➤ Unexpired Passport Copy
 - ➤ Passport must have an expiration date of 6 months into the future from new term start
- Financial Documentation covering the next academic year of study
 - Funds must be liquid in nature
 - ➤ Document must be issued within 1 year of new term start date
 - Funding does not need to be frozen or have a maturity date in the future
 - Currency Converter must be included if funding is not in U.S. Dollars
 - Financial Requirements Reminder
 - https://international.northeastern.edu/ogs/new-students/i-20-ds-2019-application/financial-requirements/

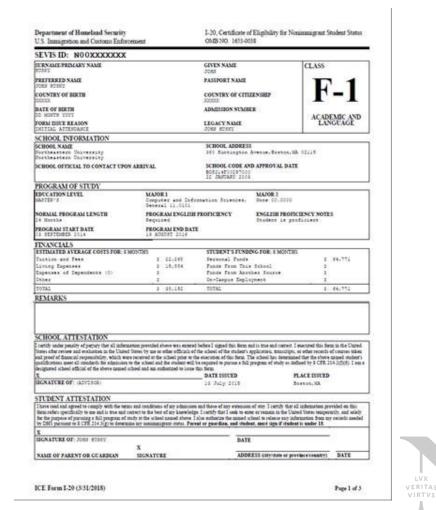
▶How much funding must be shown on the financial documentation?

- Funding must meet one academic year (2 semesters) of required study
 - ➤ Tuition and Fees: \$67,403
 - ➤ Living Expenses: \$27,728
 - ➤ Total: \$95,131
 - Estimated of Expenses for I-20 Requests:

https://international.northeastern.edu/ogs/new-students/i-20-ds-2019-application/estimate-of-expenses-for-i-20-requests-2025-2026/

I-20 Processing Expectations

- Timelines for action will depend on your final term in the Global Scholars and London Scholars Program
 - Global Scholars: I-20 processing will begin after completion of your final term (Spring, Summer 1, Summer 2/Summer Full)
 - London Scholars: I-20
 processing will begin in April to
 allow for appropriate visa
 application timelines



Post I-20 Issuance Considerations

- Traveling from/to the U.S.
- We recommend all students make an informed decision when it comes to learning about travel considerations when entering and leaving the U.S.
- OGS houses a large number of applicable resources to assist with your decision-making process for travel.
- It is extremely important to have the correct documentation with you to minimize any disruption in travel and/or confusion when passing through a Port of Entry at the airport.

Resources

- 2025 Current Travel Recommendations
 - https://international.northeastern.edu/ogs/po st-u-s-election-travel-recommendations/
- Required Documents for Non-Citizens in the U.S.
 - https://international.northeastern.edu/ogs/fo rms-and-guides/required-documents-fornon-citizens-in-the-u-s/
- Travel Signature Request
 - https://international.northeastern.edu/ogs/fo rms-and-guides/travel-signature-request/



Post I-20 Issuance Considerations (Cont.)

International Travel (Highlights)

- Global Scholars with a valid F-1 visa and I-20 with valid travel signature
 - Be sure to review your F-1 visa's "Entries" and "Expiration Date" for awareness.
- London Scholars with a valid F-1 visa and I-20 would be able to enter the U.S. up to 30 days from the new term start date.

Learn more about traveling back to the U.S: https://international.northeastern.edu/ogs/current-students/traveling/international-travel/

Learn more about arriving to the U.S. for the first time:

https://international.northeastern.edu/ogs
/new-students/arrival/arriving-in-the-u-s/

Immigration Clearance

- After your I-20 has been issued, you will receive instructions through e-mail on how to activate your F-1 status closer to the start of your new academic term.
- The Immigration Clearance process will activate your degree program information to your F-1 status.

Learn more about the Immigration Clearance Process:

https://international.northeastern.edu/ogs/new-students/arrival/online-immigration-clearance/



Frequently Asked Questions

- ► How often will I need to adjust my I-20 after this step?
 - This upcoming I-20 is estimated to cover you for the remainder of your Bachelor's Program.
 - For If changes happen in the future that require adjustment on your I-20, an updated I-20 would be required.
 - Change in currently submitted I-20 information (Name, Funding, Major)
 - Future changes to your plan (Travel Signature, Internship/Co-op, Leaves of Absence, Study Abroad)
 - Full List of OGS E-Forms for I-20 updates
 - https://international.northeastern.edu/ogs/ogs-forms-and-guides/
- When's the earliest time to begin employment after this change?
 - On-Campus Employment: Fall 2025
 - Internships/Co-ops: Summer 2026 (immigration-wise, academic department rules may vary)

Learn more about On-Campus Employment: https://international.northeastern.edu/ogs/new-students/arrival/online-immigration-clearance/

Learn more about Curricular Practical Training, needed for internships/co-ops:

https://international.northeastern.edu/ogs/employment/off-campus-employment/f-1-curricular-practical-training/VIRTUS

OGS Resources

Plan ahead!

- Average email response time is 1 to 3 business days.
- Business days do not include weekends or holidays.

WEBSITE

INTERNATIONAL.NORTHEASTERN.EDU/OGS

Your #1 source of info! Lots of detailed how-tos, advice, and e-forms. Applies to all NU campuses.

Inquiry Form

Submit a question online through our new inquiry form in the OGS self-service portal

Thank you!

