

In preparation for travel, international students should bring the following documents with them:

### F-1 Enrolled Student:

- **Unexpired Form I-20**, “Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant Student Status” with valid travel endorsement signature. The signature on page 2 must be less than 12 months old on the date you return.

#### How to get your travel endorsement signature:

- To request a Travel Endorsement on your I-20, Please use our [Virtual Office Assistant](#) and click the [Travel Endorsement Signature](#) button.
- ISS will issue a new I-20 or DS-2019 for travel. The I-20 will be emailed to your QC email, the DS-2019 will be available for pick up in the ISS office or can be mailed to you.
- ISS processing is currently 7-10 business days so please plan accordingly.
- Be sure to also check your program end date on page 1 and ensure it will remain valid beyond your re- entry.

- **Unexpired passport** valid until at least 6 months into the future
- **Unexpired F-1 visa** (Canadians are exempt from visa requirement)

#### Apply for passport or visa renewal in the student’s home country, if necessary.

A nonimmigrant student who has either an expired passport or one that will expire within six months should apply for renewals while at home. A student who holds an expired visa must apply for renewal prior to re-entering the U.S. Students should check the website of the U.S. Embassy or Consulate in their home country to make an appointment once they know their travel dates. A student traveling on expired or soon-to-expire documents may have trouble when seeking re-entry into the United States.

A student traveling to a third country must check the visa requirements for that country before

- Recommended: [SEVIS Fee Receipt](#). Look under "Check I-901 Status"
- Recommended: Proof of enrollment which can be a transcript or printout showing current enrollment.
- Recommended: Proof of funding (copy of letter offering you an assistantship, financial documentation provided for the issuance of your I-20, etc.)

### Students who are traveling during OPT need the additional documents

- Unexpired I-20 with valid travel endorsement signature. **The signature on page 2 must be less than 6 months old on the date you return.**
- Valid Employment Authorization Document (EAD card)
- Job offer letter or letter confirming current employment - be sure that this employment is reflected in the SEVP Portal. If you have not reported this employment, please review the OPT instruction on our website “Maintaining status on Post-OPT” or “Maintaining Status on STEM OPT to learn more”

[Read these](#) common questions about travel and re-enter for F-1 students