



Northeastern University Global Services

Congratulations on your acceptance as a Global Scholar, starting in Oakland!

Welcome to Northeastern University! The Office of Global Services (OGS) provides support to over 20,000 international students and scholars within the U.S. and Canada. Building a diverse and inclusive community is central to Northeastern University's mission because diversity of thought, culture, and viewpoint is essential to learning and growth. We have a strong tradition of engaging with the world, creating a distinctive approach to education and research, helping thousands of learners become global citizens. We are looking forward to your engagement with our community.

Through our programs, services, and advising, OGS is here to assist you with your transition to the United States and advise you on the process of becoming an international F-1 student in the United States.

F-1 Visa support documents to the U.S

All admitted students in the Global Scholars program, who need to secure an F-1 visa to study in the United States, must first obtain a Form I-20 to be able to request the F-1 international student visa at a U.S. consulate. The I-20 is a U.S. immigration document issued by the university to certify that a student has met Northeastern admission requirements, including English Proficiency, and has proof of sufficient financial resources for his/her studies. An I-20 is required to schedule an F-1 visa appointment at a U.S. Embassy or Consulate. To request your [Form I-20](#) from OGS and start your F-1 visa application process, please follow the instructions on our [website](#).

I-20 and U.S. F-1 visa application timeline: Fall Academic Term – Oakland, California

For Global Scholars students beginning their Fall Academic Term in Oakland, California, you can [request](#) your Form I-20 starting on May 5, 2023 to start the F-1 visa process and gain this documentation in time to arrive for the Global Scholar orientation program. You should initiate the I-20 request as soon as possible, given U.S. consular visa appointment wait-times worldwide.

U.S Pre-Arrival and Arrival Information

Be sure to regularly check your Northeastern Email as you prepare to arrive to campus. We will send you information about upcoming webinars and information about preparing to arrive to the U.S. Past pre-arrival webinar topics have included:

- F-1 visa and I-20 Timeline and Process
- Traveling to the U.S.
- What you Should Know Before You Travel

Further, we will share with you key information about our mandatory [International Student Orientation](#). OGS will send out additional information, including the links to join, a couple of months before your program start date.

We are the resource for U.S.-based International Students!

After you arrive, we will continue to support you through your academic journey at Northeastern. We offer a variety of programs, services and resources to our students. Please start reviewing our services on the OGS website: <https://international.northeastern.edu/ogs/>

Contact Us!

You can contact OGS by calling (+1) 617-373-2310 or emailing OaklandOGS@northeastern.edu