

Applying for F-1 Student Visa

What is the form I-20?

This document is required when you apply for your F-1 Student visa through the US embassy or consulate in your country of residence and entrance into the US. We input your information into the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) and it produces the I-20 which acts as an acknowledgment that your record is in the system. The form includes your SEVIS ID number, which is the number in the upper left hand corner starting with 'N'.

Please note that this visa is for non-immigrant students wishing to pursue academic studies for a certain period of time in the US.

Is there a fee?

Yes, you will have to pay a SEVIS registration fee. Currently, the fee is \$350 for F-1 students, but please check the websites for an updated amount as they are subject to increase.

For more information on the fee, please visit: <https://studyinthestates.dhs.gov/paying-the-i-901-sevis-fee>

To pay the fee, please visit: <https://www.fmjfee.com/i901fee/index.html>

What if you are a Canadian citizen?

Canadian citizens do not need a student visa to enter the US. You will need an I-20, so please apply for it through the College. Once you have been entered into SEVIS, just as students coming from other countries, you will have to pay a registration fee. When crossing the border, please be sure to bring with you, your Canadian passport, the original I-20 sent to you by the College, SEVIS fee receipt, proof of ability to pay school fees and living expenses in the US (your financial documentation) and proof of ties to Canada.

What if you have dependents?

A dependent is defined as the visa applicant's spouse or child. The visa type for this category is F-2. While applying for your I-20, please inform us if you are planning on bringing your spouse or child(ren) to the US, to live with you during your course of study. For more information on dependents and their conditions, please contact CAPA@neco.edu or call 617-587-5620.

What if you are presently residing in the US on an F-1 Student Visa?

Please attach the following with the documents that you send us:

1. Photocopies of page 1 and 2 of your present I-20 Form
2. I-94 printout
3. Visa and biographical page of your passport (and any other documents that show you are maintaining your legal status in the US)
4. Contact your current school's International Student Advisor and inform them of your transfer, so the process can begin in SEVIS
5. The College's code is BOS214F002233000

6. The transfer process begins at your present school

What if you are in Refugee Status/DACA recipient?

1. Please send us a copy of the front and back of your permanent resident card, or any documentation that show you are maintaining your legal status in the US along with the documents attached (2022-2023 Student Estimated Expenses and Financial Certification Form)
2. If your documentation is expiring within 3 months or less of attending the College, you will need to send a receipt from USCIS showing that a renewal is in progress

What to do next?

In order for us to issue your I-20, please follow the instructions:

1. Complete the attached *2022-2023 Financial Certification Form*
2. Attach a photocopy of your passport biographical page
3. Include a letter of support. The letter must show:
 - a. The name and full address of the funding source as well as relationship of the sponsor to the student (your full name)
 - b. You must be listed as the receiver of the funds
 - c. The amount in USD that is being given to you
 - d. The date the support will commence and any restrictions on the money
 - e. Statement in the letter that the sponsor is aware it is a binding agreement
 - f. Official signature of the funding sponsor/source and dated within 30 days of submission
4. Include a bank statement or a bank letter. The statement must be on an original bank letterhead and must include the following:
 - a. The bank name with the address and dated within 30 days of submitting your documents
 - b. The account must be in your name or in the name of your sponsor and include the actual amount or the displayed amount in the *Table of Estimated Minimum Expenses* in USD with a partial account number (Note: We can convert other currencies into USD but please identify the currency clearly to avoid discrepancy)

The bank letter must include:

- a. The actual amount that is being sponsored in USD in an account in your name or the sponsor's name
- b. The amount is readily available and any restrictions that apply to the account (i.e.; annual disbursement of loan)
- c. Official signature of bank official and dated within 30 days of submission

If you have *funding sources that are other than the government*, it is recommended that sufficient funds to cover at least half of the year's total expenses as listed in the *Table of Estimated Minimum Expenses* should be deposited in an international bank that has a branch in the US (specifically Massachusetts or New York).

Please also note: Your materials will be reviewed by the Registrar’s Office after the deadline. You will be contacted immediately, if we need further information. Once approved, an I-20 form will be mailed to you usually within 14 business days. You will be financially responsible to cover the mailing charges. Instructions to pay for shipping will be sent right before the I-20 is created.

It is your responsibility to make sure that everything on your I-20 matches the information on your passport. Please contact us if there are discrepancies.

Return your completed 2022-2023 Financial Certification Form and all the documents by the deadline below:

If you start your program on:	Your deadline is:
May 2022	February 08, 2022
September 2022	June 21, 2022

Please keep the original documents. We accept scans of your documents sent to capa@neco.edu

If you have any questions at all, you can reach us through:

Phone – 617-587-5620

Email – capa@neco.edu

Mail – 424 Beacon Street, Boston, MA 02115

We are looking forward to seeing you on Campus!



Table of Estimated Minimum Expenses in U.S. Dollars for the 2022-2023 Academic Year

**Please expect a 1-3% increase every year*

	Four Year OD*	ASIP OD*	AODP OD*	MS/OD China Program*	MS Stand Alone Program
Tuition	\$43,444	\$59,434	\$59,434	\$58,268	\$21,722
Activity Fee	\$375	\$375	\$375	\$375	\$375
Lab Fee	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300	-
Equipment Fee	\$1250		\$1250	-	
Health Insurance *	\$2,287	\$2,984	\$2,984	\$2,984	\$2,287
Books & Extra Equipment	\$1,750	\$1,540		-	\$100
Living Allowance	\$19,890	\$26,520	\$26,520	\$19,440	\$19,890
TOTAL AMOUNT	\$69,296	\$91,153	\$90,863	\$81,367	\$44,374

Please Note:

1. Health Insurance covers the student only and is required by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
2. If you are bringing a dependent (only a spouse, daughter or son), add \$9,120.00 to the single column figures for the first individual for living expenses. Add \$4,000.00 for each additional dependent for living expenses.