Immigration Procedures

Apply for your visa and prepare for arrival to the U.S.

WELCOME! We will begin at 8:30 a.m.

Introduce yourself in the chat. Please tell us your name and where you are joining from.

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Hello CISS Storrs Staff

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Agenda

Getting to Know You
Visa Application Process
Arriving in U.S.
Upcoming Webinars and Important Dates
What UConn campus are you admitted to?
What degree are you starting at UConn?
Have you already obtained a U.S. Student Visa (F-1/J-1)?
USA Student Visa Process

1. **Get Admitted and Request UConn I-20**: [issu.uconn.edu](http://issu.uconn.edu) > “Request I-20 or DS-2019”
   
   The I-20 form needs to be kept safe, as you’ll need it for your visa interview.

2. **Pay the SEVIS I-901 fee ($350, $220)**: [www.fmjfee.com](http://www.fmjfee.com) > pay online and print receipt for visa interview and travel to U.S.

3. **Complete non-immigrant visa application (DS-160) online and pay visa application fee ($185 as of June 1, 2023)**: [ustraveldocs.com](http://ustraveldocs.com) Fee payment instructions are different in every country! Some countries subject to [Visa Reciprocity Fee](http://Visa Reciprocity Fee) in addition to visa fee. (China, India, Brazil, Saudi Arabia, Iran, South Korea = No Reciprocity Fee)

4. **Schedule an appointment for a visa interview**: This needs to be done at the U.S Embassy or Consulate in the country where you live. Schedule instructions are different in every country! [usembassy.gov](http://usembassy.gov) and [ustraveldocs.com](http://ustraveldocs.com)

5. **Receive a decision**: At your interview you should receive a decision on your application.
USA Student Visa Process

--- LET'S GET STARTED ---

What type of visa do you need?
If you are unsure what type of visa you need, please use the Visa Wizard below to help you determine the correct visa type for your purpose of travel.

The type of visa you must obtain is defined by U.S. immigration law and relates to the purpose of your travel. Depending on where you will be applying for your visa, you can use this wizard to find out what visa type may be most appropriate for your purpose of travel. For some countries, you will be redirected to a third-party site that uses its own tools to help you determine what visa type is best for you. Please answer all questions as the applicant.

In which country will you be applying for your U.S. Visa? Colombia

In the country you selected, visa applications and interview scheduling are primarily facilitated by a third-party company, Applicant Service Centers. Please visit their website at: [https://ais.usvisainfo.com](https://ais.usvisainfo.com) for additional information on determining what visa type is best for you and how to apply.
Preparing for visa interview

Documents to bring:
UConn I-20/DS-2019, passport, financial documents, I-901 Fee receipt, DS-160 confirmation page with the barcode, other supporting documents

Wait in line outside and then a separate waiting room - follow all rules regarding electronics and backpacks!

Go to interview room/interview counter/window for visa interview
Preparing for visa interview

Common Questions from consular officers:

1. School Name
2. Program Name
3. Funding resources
4. Your US address, undergrad dorm, graduate city, not secured yet
5. Parents' jobs
6. Future work after graduation

Research Proposal/Study Plan 研究计划 / 学习计划
(Please Write in English) (请用英文回答)

1) Research Area of Interest and Major: (please explain what your major is and what you plan to study) 你的专业和研究方向: (请说明你的专业和学习计划)

2) Advisor or Potential Advisor: (this means your research advisor not academic advisor) 导师或有意向的导师: (是你的研究导师而不是学术导师)

3) Is your program coursework only? If not, please tell us the name of your research project and give a basic description of your research. 你的学习项目只是授课形式？如果不是，请提供你的专项课题的具体名称和内容

4) Research Funding: (Where is the funding coming from?) 研究专项资金: (你的研究专项资金从哪里获得？)

5) Practical Application of Research: 研究课题的实际应用
Visa interview decision

Approval follow up: a slip of paper with passport shipping instruction

Background Checking
- Some students may be subject to Administrative Processing 221(g)
- Common for students in sciences
- Technically a refusal → follow all instructions and wait; may take 2 weeks - 60 days (or more).

A visa refusal under section 221(g) means the applicant does not establish eligibility for a visa to the satisfaction of the consular officer. When a consular officer refuses a case under 221(g), she or he will convey whether the applicant is required to provide any further documentation or information, or whether the case requires additional administrative processing. It is possible that a consular officer will reconsider a visa application refused under 221(g) at a later date, based on additional information or upon the resolution of administrative processing, and determine whether the applicant is eligible for the visa.

Common Denial Reasons: Incomplete or inaccurate forms, insufficient financial proof, lack of ties to your home country, criminal history, overstaying your previous visa, etc.
Different 221(g) Notices
Example 221(g)

Read carefully

Gather response support documentation

Submit
Supplemental Questionnaires

After Visa Interview

- All countries visited in last 15 years
- All previous passports held
- Sibling, children, spouse bio info
- All addresses last 15 years
- All phone # and emails last 5 years
- All social media usernames
- All employers last 15 years
### Relatives - Continued

**Spouse** - Provide the full names of any current or previous spouse or civil/domestic partner, living or deceased.

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### Address and Contact Information

**Address** - Provide all addresses where you have lived during the last 15 years, if not already provided in your application.

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**E-mail** - Provide all e-mail addresses you have used in the last five years, including primary, secondary, work, home, and mobile addresses.

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### Employment History

**Employer Name**

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I understand the information I have provided, or in support of this application, may be provided to other U.S. government agencies authorized to use such information for purposes including enforcement of the laws of the United States. I understand that any information contained in this form and any information under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that is being lied to, false or incorrect, is punishable by any applicable law or civil or刑事责任 or a material false made by me, I may result in my removal from the United States or my admission to the United States. Any subject to criminal prosecution and/or removal from the United States.

**Applicant's Signature**

Date (mm-dd-yyyy)

For use by United States embassy or consulate official only.

DS-100/DS-260 Barcode Number

### Paperwork Reduction Act Statement

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 30 minutes per response, including time required for searching existing data sources, gathering the necessary documentation, providing the information and/or documents required, and reviewing the final collection. You do not have to supply this information unless it collection displays a currently valid OMB control number. If you have comments on the accuracy of this burden estimate and/or recommendations for reducing it, please send them to: PRA_BurdenCompliance@state.gov.

### Confidentiality Statement

AUTOMATICALLY: The information on this form is requested pursuant to Section 212(a) and 221 and as required by Section 222 of the Immigration and Nationality Act. Section 222(a) provides that the records of the Department of State and of diplomatic and consular offices of the United States pertaining to the issuance and refusal of visas or permits to enter the United States shall be considered confidential and shall be used only for the formulation, amendment, administration, or enforcement of the immigration, national, and other laws of the United States. Certified copies of such records may be used to a court provided the court certifies that the information contained in such records is needed in a case pending before the court.

PURPOSE: The U.S. Department of State uses the information provided on this form to determine an individual's eligibility for a U.S. visa. Individuals who fail to submit this form or who do not provide all the requested information may be denied a U.S. visa. Although furnishing this information is voluntary, failure to provide this information may delay or prevent the processing of an individual visa application.
Expiration date = last date to travel to U.S. with visa.
Entry requirements to the U.S.

- International travelers no longer require proof of COVID-19 vaccination to enter the U.S.
- UConn/State of CT does require other vaccinations for all UConn students. [https://studenthealth.uconn.edu/health-information/](https://studenthealth.uconn.edu/health-information/)
- Join us Wednesday, December 6 for webinar with Student Health and Wellness to learn more.
Preparing for US travel

Buy flight tickets

**Luggage** - what to bring, what to expect when you arrive
https://isss.uconn.edu/prepare-for-arrival/ > “What to Bring”

**Documents to have in your carry-on bag:**
I-20 or DS-2019, Passport, Visa, I-901 Fee receipt, Funding Documents, U.S. Address.

**Customs officers**
- Where are you studying? How are you going to get on campus?
- Secondary Inspection, DSO/International Advisor’s contact information
- Canadian/Bermudian Students and B-2 visa status: Keep your passport and I-20/DS-2019 together at port of entry
Upon Arrival at UConn

I-94
- Receipt for Arrival
- Print every time you enter U.S.
- Canadian travelers by land may receive paper I-94 in passport

Entry Stamps
- May or may not receive stamp in passport
Immigration Check In With ISSS

Arrival Checklist

Submit Arrival Documents to ISSS

All international students and exchange visitors must submit arrival documents to UConn by the I-20 or DS-2019 start date listed on your form. This is how you formally report your arrival to the school. If you do not submit your arrival documents, your F-1 or J-1 visa status could be cancelled. Here is how to submit your arrival documents to ISSS by completing ALL 5 Steps below:

1. Update your personal information
2. Print your I-94 Record
3. Scan or take photos of your documents
4. Submit your arrival documents in ISSS Portal
5. J-1 VISA ONLY- Submit Medical Insurance Confirmation Record in ISSS Portal

https://isss.uconn.edu/arrival-checklist/
Upcoming and Past Webinars

https://isss.uconn.edu/webinars/

Wednesday, November 15 - Finding Housing at UConn

Wednesday, November 29 - Information and Deadlines for International Graduate Students

Wednesday, December 6 - Bursar's Office and Student Health and Wellness Requirements and Services
Important Upcoming Dates

Monday, January 1 - Deadline to submit Health History Form

Monday, January 8 - Deadline to pay fee bill for Undergraduate students

Thursday, January 11 - Move-in Date for International Graduate and Undergraduate Students who are signed up for International Welcome Program/Orientation at Storrs Campus.

Friday, January 12 - Mandatory Welcome Program/Orientation for Storrs campus students

Friday, January 12 - Deadline to pay fee bill for GRAD

Monday, January 15 - Immigration Check-in at CISS

TBD - Student Health & Wellness Screening for Graduates students
Questions

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