

**UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA  
INTERNATIONAL CENTER**

**VISITING  
FULBRIGHT SCHOLARS**

**WELCOME INFORMATION**

# Check in with UFIC

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# Other Check-in Information

Visiting Fulbright Scholars form

<http://www.ufic.ufl.edu/EVS/Forms/registration.pdf>

Your Gainesville information



# GatorLink Account

- GatorLink is an individual's computer network identity at UF. Every person at UF is expected to have a GatorLink username and password: <http://www.gatorlink.ufl.edu>
- A Gatorlink account provides a [username@ufl.edu](mailto:username@ufl.edu) email address. Official university communications are sent to everyone at this address.
- Gatorlink also offers access to a variety of campus computing services at no cost including free email, free web space, and a monthly dialup quota.
- Many campus services require a Gatorlink sign on.
- Your department host will assist you with acquiring your Gatorlink account.

# Gator 1 Card Services

- The Gator 1 card is the official university identity card.

<http://www.bsd.ufl.edu/G1C/index.asp>

- Many activities on campus plus access to the libraries and bus services are only available with the presentation of the Gator 1 card.
- Ask your UF department office manager to complete the ID Card Authorization form. Completed forms must have a customer code number or p-card checked (not both) or write “Employee will pay”.
- Bring a picture ID to the Gator 1 Central office to receive your Gator 1 card. For location check:

<http://www.bsd.ufl.edu/G1C/gator1/location.asp>

# Social Security Numbers

- As a visiting (Non-U.S.) Fulbright Scholar, you can apply for a Social Security Number (SSN).
- Fulbright should have provided you with a letter which you can take to the Social Security office.
- However, you **MUST** wait at least ten days after entering the country before applying for the SSN card.
- The SSN Office in Gainesville is located on:

1610 NW 23 Ave

Gainesville, FL 32605

Tel: +1 (877) 219-8323 (local Gainesville number)

+1 (800) 772-1213 (Toll-Free)

# Driver's License

- DMVFlorida.org ([www.dmvflorida.org](http://www.dmvflorida.org)) is your online guide to the Florida Department of Motor Vehicles. The Florida DMV can be very confusing.
- Common services provided by the DMV include new driver's license, license renewal, new and renewal license plates (tags), getting a learner's permit, and finding a Florida DMV approved traffic school.
- DMV News – 12 Hour Traffic School is available online.

# Traveling Abroad

- If you will be traveling outside the U.S. during your visit to UF, you must have your DS-2019 signed by your Sponsor (i.e., Council for International Exchange of Scholars, CIES).
- The signature is good for 1 year unless otherwise directed.
- Must have a valid US visa to re-enter the US.



# Change of Address

- You are required by Federal Law to report your physical location address within 10 days of securing your local residence, as well as within 10 days of any move you may make. This may be handled by your Fulbright Sponsor, so please check with them for procedures.



# Bicycle Laws

- Florida law defines a bicycle as a vehicle. Therefore, bicyclists have many of the same responsibilities as operators of motor vehicles and subject to the same citations and fines for violating traffic laws.

<http://www.dot.state.fl.us/safety>

- The University of Florida Police Department (UPD) enforces all the laws of the State of Florida. UPD places a strong emphasis on the enforcement of traffic laws including bicycle traffic laws. If you ride a bicycle, you must be knowledgeable of the rules of the road.
- Traffic violators on bicycles are subject to the same fines as violators in automobiles.

**Be careful!**



# Student Nighttime Auxiliary Patrol

- Student Nighttime Auxiliary Patrol (SNAP) provides nightly escorts anywhere on campus to persons upon request. The service is staffed by students and supervised by UPD.
- Escorts can be on foot or by van.
- Contact SNAP at +1 (352) 392 -7627.
- The requester provides their first name, location of the pick-up site and their destination to the dispatcher who will determine the best method of meeting the requestor's need. A walking or driving escort will be dispatched. An escort can be requested between 6:30 PM and 1:30 AM nightly.

# University Police Department Public Safety

Please visit the UPD website for safety information and tips:

<http://www.police.ufl.edu/community-services/safety-tips/>



# Emergency Information

## 911 Emergency Service

- Dial 911 from any phone (mobile or land line) from any location.
- Provide the operator with the requested information.
- 911 will send a police patrol car, a fire truck, or an ambulance depending on the nature of the emergency.

# Hospitals

Gainesville has two hospitals if you need to visit an Emergency Room without ambulance assistance:

**UF Health Shands Hospital**

**1600 SW Archer Rd.**

**Gainesville Florida 32610**

**(352) 273-8010**

**<https://ufhealth.org/patient-care>**

**North Florida Regional Medical Center**

**6500 W Newberry Rd,**

**Gainesville, FL 32605**

**(352) 333-4000**

**<http://nfrmc.com/>**



# Walk-In Clinic Information

For check-ups, physicals, injuries (non-emergency), etc.:

➤ **Urgent Care Center of Gainesville**

3925 NW 43rd St, Gainesville, FL 32606

Tel: +1 (352) 364-4562

➤ **First Care of Gainesville**

4343 W Newberry Rd. Ste 10, Gainesville, FL 32607

Tel: +1 (352) 373-2340

➤ **Hampton Oaks Sports Medicine**

200 SW 62nd Blvd, Gainesville, FL 32607

Tel: +1 (352) 265-9041

# Government Contact Information

- Fulbright Program

<http://eca.state.gov/fulbright>

<http://www.cies.org/>

- U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS)

<http://www.uscis.gov/>

- U.S. Embassies and Consulates

<http://www.usembassy.gov/>

- Department of State (DOS)

<http://www.state.gov/>



A vertical photograph of the University of Florida's iconic tower, known as the 'Gator Tower', set against a clear blue sky. The tower is a tall, brick structure with a square top section containing arched windows. The image is positioned on the left side of the slide.

# North Florida Chapter Fulbright Association

- North Florida Fulbright Association (NFCFA) is an organization of current Fulbright students, scholars and alumni.
- NFCFA provides opportunities for socialization and promotes exchange among Fulbright Fellows across Florida from Orlando to Jacksonville.
- NFCFA provides various opportunities for Fulbright Fellows to learn about Florida. The Chapter arranges and pays for one trip a semester for such excursions as the Kennedy Space Center, Tampa Aquarium, Silver Springs, etc.
- Join the [North Florida Chapter Fulbright Association](#) on Facebook. Sign in to Facebook and request to join the group.
- Contact Carlos Maeztu, NFCFA Coordinator, at [maeztu@gmail.com](mailto:maeztu@gmail.com).