



WELCOME GLOBAL GATOR!

CHECKLIST FOR A SUCCESSFUL EXCHANGE JOURNEY

(PLEASE CHECK YOUR BOXES AS YOU COMPLETE YOUR PROCESS.)

As an Exchange Student you are a valued part of what makes the University of Florida (UF) great! We believe that you will leave your mark on UF by bringing your global perspectives to our campus community, from joining in-class discussions to experiencing Gator games. In turn, we hope UF leaves an imprint on you. Consider the UF International Center (UFIC) your home-away-from home while you're with us. The Exchange Student Services (ESS) unit houses your J1 Visa Advisor and works jointly with UF academic departments and other offices to coordinate your exchange program. ESS also manages communication with your Home University along the way.

Enclosed in this email are links and instructions for accessing key documents required for your visa application:

- Instructions for accessing your DS-2019 Form of Eligibility for J1 Visa Status and Exchange Program Invitation/Acceptance Letter
- Link to US Department of State Welcome Brochure

Your exchange program started the moment you opened this email! Please follow all these guidelines and steps carefully to ensure a successful journey. Get connected with us today at [Facebook.com/UFExchangeStudentServices](https://www.facebook.com/UFExchangeStudentServices)

OBTAINING J-1 VISA STATUS

J1 Visa Programs are overseen by the U.S. Department of State. Your UFIC J-1 Visa Advisor is designated to administer federal program protocols at UF. For more information visit [J1visa.state.gov](https://j1visa.state.gov)

- Review the linked documents and verify that all biographical information is correct. For any discrepancies, contact your ESS advisor.
- Pay the I-901 SEVIS fee on-line and save your SEVIS fee receipt for your visa interview. www.fmjfee.com/i901fee/index.html
- Complete the DS-160 application on-line and save a PDF of the completed application. <https://ceac.state.gov/genniv>
- Schedule your visa interview at a U.S. Embassy or Consulate <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas/study/student-visa.html#howtoapply>

GATORLINK ACCOUNT AND REGISTRATION

Set up your Gatorlink Account: 2-4 weeks after you've set up your Gatorlink account, you'll have access to your GatorCloud email inbox: outlook.com@ufl.edu

- Access [ONE.UF.EDU](https://one.ufl.edu) Review and complete Pre-Registration Requirements (also called 'Holds')
- Submit your Immunization Form at healthcompliance.shcc.ufl.edu
- Submit your Proof of Health Insurance at healthcompliance.shcc.ufl.edu
- Register for courses through [ONE.UF.EDU](https://one.ufl.edu)

Exchange Students hosted in the Colleges of Agriculture & Life Sciences, Business, Engineering, and Law will be registered by the college Academic Manager.

PRE-ARRIVAL GUIDELINES AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Arrival Window: You can enter the U.S. up to 30 days prior to the start of the semester.

UFIC TOOLS

- Review the [UF Pre-Arrival Guide](#)
- Review additional Pre-Arrival Information this link: <https://internationalcenter.ufl.edu/j-1-studentscholar/partner-school-exchange-students/pre-arrival-preparation>

FINALIZE HOUSING

- If you are eligible for on campus housing, the application **will be sent to you directly.**
- For Off-Campus Housing Resources visit offcampus.ufl.edu
- Take a Virtual Tour of UF at virtualltour.ufl.edu

AFTER ARRIVAL

Orientation: UFIC hosts a New International Student Orientation session typically the week prior to classes starting. Completing "Check-In" with your Host University is a requirement of your J1 visa status. More information will be emailed to you.

CHECK-IN AT THE INTERNATIONAL CENTER:

- On-line Check-In: Once you arrive in the U.S. complete your on-line check-in. You will receive instructions for this.
- In-Person Check-In: Your J-1 Visa Advisor will email you the schedule for in-person check-in and orientation

Please refer back to the "Partner School Exchange Student" section of the UFIC website and your on-line application for consolidated links and more information.