

TRAVEL SIGNATURE REQUEST FOR F-1 AND J-1 STUDENTS & SCHOLARS

Complete the following information and submit this form to the International Center with your I-20 or DS-2019. Your I-20 or DS-2019 will be ready for pickup after 3 business days. Our office hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, during the regular academic year, and 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday during the summer.

Name (LAST, First): _____ UA ID# _____

Preferred email: _____ Phone: _____

Address in U.S.: _____

Major: _____ Expected program completion date (MM/YY): _____

Program level (circle one): ELI Bachelor Master Ph.D. Visiting Scholar Other _____

Expected date of departure from U.S.: _____ Expected return date to the U.S.: _____

TRAVEL GUIDANCE

The travel signature on your I-20 or DS-2019 remains valid for 1 year from the date of signature, with the exception of students on OPT, for which a signature is valid for only 6 months.¹ The signature must be valid on your return date to the United States. The signature is no longer valid if you have been academically dismissed, expelled, dropped, or suspended, or if your SEVIS record is terminated.

Your passport should be valid at least six months beyond your expected return date to the United States. Your F-1 or J-1 visa must be valid on your return date to the United States.² We recommend that you travel with proof of enrollment (or for visiting scholars, a letter from your host supervisor), as well as proof of financial support.

Contact the International Center if you have questions about your specific circumstances: for example, if you are renewing your visa, if you are planning to stay outside the United States more than 5 months, if your I-20 or DS-2019 will expire within 30 days of your expected return to the United States, if you have been arrested or convicted of a crime in the United States, if you have applied for OPT or are currently on OPT, if you are concerned the “travel ban” may affect you, or if you have applied for another visa status or lawful permanent resident status.³

I have read and understand the above travel guidance. I understand that a change in my major or expected program completion date may require additional information and/or documentation to obtain an updated I-20 or DS-2019. I understand that I will not be contacted regarding the pick-up of my I-20 or DS-2019, and it is my responsibility to pick up the document before 4:30 p.m. on a business day before leaving the United States. If I do not pick up my I-20 or DS-2019 before leaving the United States, I understand I will incur the cost of having it sent to me abroad.

Signature

Date

¹ However, if the program end date on your I-20 or DS-2019 expires before the travel signature, the travel signature is only valid until the program end date.

² There is an exception for some travelers to Canada, Mexico, or certain Caribbean islands – please check with the International Center if you are planning to travel to these locations on an expired visa.

³ If your employer has applied for H-1B status on your behalf, we recommend consulting your employer’s immigration attorney for travel guidance specific to your situation.