



# VISA RENEWAL CHECK LIST FOR F-1 STUDENTS DURING THEIR PROGRAM OF STUDY

## 1. SCHEDULE A VISA INTERVIEW APPOINTMENT

- ✓ Review the website of the specific U.S. Embassy or Consulate (“Consular Post”) at which you will renew your F-1 Visa. You can locate your local U.S. Consular Post on the Department of State’s [website](#).
- ✓ Schedule your Visa Interview Appointment for the earliest date possible after your arrival in that country.
- ✓ Take note of any unique procedures or documents required by that Consular Post.

## 2. PREPARE YOUR VISA APPLICATION

- ✓ Complete the U.S. Department of State’s [Form DS-160: Visa Application](#).
- ✓ **Recent travel signature on your I-20.** Travel signatures are general valid for one year; however, we recommend that your signature be less than 6 months old if you are renewing your visa.
- ✓ **Proof of SEVIS Fee Payment.** If you have misplaced your original receipt, you may reprint one from the [I-901 Fee](#) section of the DHS website.
- ✓ **Proof of Enrollment.** Some documents that demonstrate proof of enrollment are your Official Transcript or an Official Enrollment Verification from the Office of the Registrar.
- ✓ **Original Funding Documents.** Students should be prepared to present original funding documents that reflect sufficient financial resources to cover tuition, fees, and expenses for one year of study in the U.S. Funding documents should be written in or professionally translated into English and reflect a balance in USD. Appropriate financial documents can include:
  - ***If personally funded:*** an original bank statement or bank letter in your name.
  - ***If funded by family or individual sponsor:*** bank statement or bank letter in your sponsor’s name, accompanied by a MCPHS [Financial Sponsorship Certificate](#) or other Affidavit of Support.
  - ***If funded by your home government, an organization, a company, etc.:*** signed Letter of Sponsorship or Financial Guarantee from that organization on official letterhead.
  - ***If funded by MCPHS:*** original Award Letter on official letterhead.

## 3. VISIT THE IMMIGRATION SERVICES OFFICE FOR ANSWERS TO UNIQUE TRAVEL QUESTIONS, IF NECESSARY

The Immigration Services Office can answer any questions you may have regarding:

- ✓ Proving Non-Immigrant Intent
- ✓ Automatic Visa Revalidation
- ✓ Visa renewal in a Third Country
- ✓ Administrative Processing (security clearance delays)