

## Obtaining a Travel Signature for F-1 & J-1 Registered Students

All F-1 or J-1 registered students are required to obtain a travel signature on their immigration document (I-20 or their DS/ 2019) prior to undertaking any international travel. The student will be required to present the I-20 or DS-2019 with a valid travel signature at the time of re-entry into the U.S.

This signature is valid for the semester in which it was received and the following holiday period. E.g.: if you got a travel signature in spring '13, you can use it for multiple international trips through the end of the summer. You must get a new signature for the fall semester if you wish to travel overseas.

If the student is on post-completion OPT, a travel signature has a validity period of 6 months.

A travel signature can be obtained in the following ways:

### ***If you need a travel signature only:***

- Drop off your I-20/ DS-2019 at the front desk of the Center and it will be signed and ready for pick up in 2 working days.  
**Please note:** F-1 students authorized for Post-Completion OPT must also submit a copy of the EAD card and a copy of the job letter.
- Alternatively you can bring your I-20/ DS-2019 to your international student adviser's **walk-in hours** and have it endorsed at that time.

### ***If you need any updates on your I-20/DS-2019:***

If there is any update to be made on the immigration document it could take from 1-2 weeks depending on the situation. For e.g. if you are applying for a new visa during your trip, and if your source of funding has changed since the last time your document was updated, you will need to get the funding information on your I-20 updated. For this you need to drop off original **proof of funding** documents for the next academic year. Your new I-20 with a travel signature will be ready for pick up in 1-2 weeks time.

If your source of funding remains the same as before, you only need a travel signature but must ensure that you take current funding documents with you when you go for your visa interview.

For more information about travel and visa application please read the following forms:

- **Travel and Visa information**
- **Visa Application Information**