

Travel Information for Students, Student Interns, and Scholars

Documents Required to Reenter the U.S.

- Valid passport: your passport must be valid for at least 6 months at time of reentry.
- Valid F-1, J-1, H-1B, or O-1 visa: visa expiration must be after date of reentry.
 - Canadian citizens: you do not need a U.S. entry visa, but should **NOT** use NEXUS or Global Entry.
 - Automatic Visa Revalidation – if you are an F or J visa holder, you may reenter the U.S. from Canada, Mexico, and the Caribbean islands, except Cuba, with an expired visa if your visit abroad is less than 30 days (you must have an I-94 and valid passport, and I-20 or DS-2019).
- Valid I-20 or DS-2019 or I-797: your document expiration date must be after the date of reentry.
- Valid travel signature on your I-20 or DS-2019 from the HIO signature must be less than 12 months old on the day of your reentry.
- SEVIS Fee Receipt: Please go to www.fmjfee.com to print your I-901 SEVIS fee receipt. If you have not paid the SEVIS fee, you must pay and print the receipt from the same website.



Post-completion OPT: In addition to the above documents, if you are a student on post-completion OPT, you also need your **EAD**, a **travel signature that is less than 6 months old on day of reentry**, and an **employment verification letter** confirming your employment for the period of approved OPT.

Sample Form I-20 Page 1 and Travel Signature from Page 2

Department of Homeland Security
U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement

I-20, Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant Student Status
OMB No. 1653-0038

SEVIS ID: N1

SURNAME/PRIMARY NAME: [REDACTED] GIVEN NAME: [REDACTED] Class of Admission: **F-1**

REFERRED NAME: [REDACTED] PASSPORT NUMBER: [REDACTED]

COUNTRY OF BIRTH: CANADA COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP: CANADA

DATE OF BIRTH: [REDACTED] ADMISSION NUMBER: [REDACTED]

FORMAL REASON: INITIAL ATTENDANCE LEGACY NAME: [REDACTED]

SCHOOL INFORMATION: SCHOOL NAME: Harvard University SCHOOL ADDRESS: 1350 Massachusetts Ave., Rm. 864, Cambridge, MA 02138

PROGRAM OF STUDY: MAJOR 1: Liberal Arts and Sciences, General MAJOR 2: None

EDUCATION LEVEL: BACHELOR'S ENGLISH PROFICIENCY: Proficient

PROGRAM START/END DATE: 27 AUGUST 2018 - 26 MAY 2022

FINANCIALS: ESTIMATED AVERAGE COSTS FOR 9 MONTHS: Tuition and Fees, Living Expenses, Expenses of Dependents (0), H-Tax/Travel/Exp., TOTAL

STUDENT'S FUNDING FOR 9 MONTHS: Personal Funds, Funds From This School, Funds From Another Source, On-Campus Employment, TOTAL

SCHOOL ATTESTATION: I certify under penalty of perjury that all information provided above was obtained before I signed this form and is true and correct.

STUDENT ATTESTATION: I have read and agreed to comply with the terms and conditions of my admission and those of any extension of stay.

TRAVEL ENDORSEMENT: This page, when properly endorsed, may be used for re-entry of the student to attend the same school after a temporary absence from the United States.

Designated School Official: HIO Advisor, Title: Advisor, Signature: [Signature], Date Issued: 01/25/2025, Place Issued: Cambridge, MA

Sample Form DS-2019 Page 1 and Travel Signature

U.S. Department of State
CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY FOR EXCHANGE VISITOR STATUS (J-NONIMMIGRANT)

Applicant Name: [REDACTED] Gender: MALE

Country of Birth: CANADA Citizenship Country: CANADA

Program Number: HARVARD UNIVERSITY F&J

Program Title: [REDACTED]

Participating Program Officer Designation: PROFESSOR, RESEARCH SCHOLAR, SHORT-TERM SCHOLAR, SPECIALIST, STUDENT ASSOCIATE, STUDENT BACHELOR, STUDENT DOCTORATE, STUDENT INTERN, STUDENT MATRONS, STUDENT NON-DEGREE

Form of the Visa: Single new program; accompanied by number (0) of immediate family members.

Start and end dates: 01-21-2018 to 04-30-2021

4. RESPONSIBLE OFFICER OR ALTERNATE RESPONSIBLE OFFICER: [Signature]

PRELIMINARY ENDORSEMENT OF CONSULS OR IMMIGRATION OFFICERS REGARDING SECTION 212(a)(9)(B) OF THE IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY ACT AND 22 CFR 41.40, AS AMENDED

TRAVEL VALIDATION BY RESPONSIBLE OFFICER: Maximum validation period is 1 year.

Exchange Visitor is in good standing at the present time: 01/25/2025

Signature of Responsible Officer or Alternate Responsible Officer: [Signature]

Documents Required to Travel within the U.S.

- If you are traveling within the Boston/Cambridge area, keep digital copies of the original documents listed above. If you are traveling outside the Boston/Cambridge area but remaining within the U.S., (e.g. Portland, Maine) have digital copies on your phone and/or laptop and also bring the originals of the above documents.

Documents Required to Travel to the U.S. - Proof of COVID-19 Vaccination and Negative Test Result

- In addition to the documents listed above, you must also present proof of a FDA or WHO approved COVID-19 vaccination and a negative COVID-19 test, in order to travel to the U.S. There are limited exceptions to this requirement. See the CDC website for details and to confirm you have the required COVID-19 documents to reenter the U.S.

Document Required after entry to the U.S.—I-94

Form I-94 is the DHS record issued to international visitors admitted to the U.S.

- ◇ Every time you reenter the U.S. you must retrieve and save your Form I-94 from www.cbp.gov/I94 (see sample to the right).
- ◇ You should check that the I-94 shows your proper visa status, and if you are J-1 or F-1, that you have been admitted until "D/S." Under "D/S" (duration of status), you are permitted to be present in the U.S. as long as:
 - ◆ You maintain your academic status at Harvard as a full-time student or as a researcher and;
 - ◆ Your Form I-20 or DS-2019 is not expired.
- If you are in F-1 or J-1 status, you should never have an expiration date on your I-94.*
- ◇ If you hold H-1B or O-1 visa status, you should check that your I-94 reflects the same date that appears on Form I-797, Notice of Approval.

Please contact your HIO advisor immediately if your visa status and/or your "Admit Until Date" is not correct or if you are unable to locate your Form I-94.

Most Recent I-94

Admission (I-94) Record Number
Most Recent Date of Entry: 2017 July 13
Class of Admission: **F1**
Admit Until Date: **D/S**

Most Recent I-94

Admission (I-94) Record Number
Most Recent Date of Entry: 2018 June 26
Class of Admission: **J1**
Admit Until Date: **D/S**

Maintaining Legal Status and Avoiding Unlawful Presence

Unlawful presence can have serious, negative effects on your U.S. immigration status and future U.S. immigration options. You must review, understand, and strictly adhere to the terms and conditions relating to your visa status in the U.S. Please review the information below and contact your HIO Advisor if you have any questions.

[Always read HIO emails, as they contain important information and updates.](#)

Maintaining Status

- ◇ Never accept any public benefits (e.g. Mass Health, food stamps, or subsidized housing).
- ◇ Maintain required health insurance coverage for yourself and any dependents.
- ◇ Always apply for an extension BEFORE your Form I-20/DS-2019/I-797/passport expires.
- ◇ If you are a student, you must always maintain full-time enrollment status. Check with your HIO advisor if your full-time status will change for any reason.

Reporting Requirements

- ◇ Always report any changes of address to the HIO within 10 days of moving.
- ◇ Always report any changes in your name or citizenship to the HIO.
- ◇ Always update the HIO if you or your dependent(s) change immigration status or leave the U.S. permanently.

Employment

- ◇ *Never accept off-campus employment before checking with the HIO.*
- ◇ Students are limited to 20 hours of work per week of on-campus employment during the academic year and full-time during vacations. If you or your employer have questions about an employment opportunity, contact your HIO advisor BEFORE beginning work.
- ◇ J-1 Student Interns are only permitted to participate in internship activities at their host department/site (must meet the minimum of 32 hours per week) as described on your DS-7002/DS-2019. No other employment is permitted.
- ◇ Students on OPT and AT are only permitted to work in positions related to their studies and MUST report employer information to the HIO, or to their F-1 or J-1 program sponsor.
- ◇ Students on STEM OPT must submit a new I-983 to the HIO before changing or adding an employer or changing terms of employment.
- ◇ Consult with your HIO advisor prior to engaging in any activity that would earn you money or remuneration in the U.S. or before entering into a relationship with a non-Harvard entity to perform services, including paid or unpaid internships or externships.

Travel

- ◇ Always carry your passport and Form I-20/DS-2019/I-797 with you when traveling outside the U.S.
- ◇ If you are traveling within the Boston/Cambridge area, keep digital copies of the original documents.
- ◇ If you are traveling outside of the Boston/Cambridge area but remaining within the U.S., (e.g. Portland, Maine) have digital copies on your phone and/or laptop and also bring the originals.
- ◇ Immigration officers are allowed to request to see these documents within a 100 mile perimeter around the U.S.