

Phase 1- Obtain your Form I-20

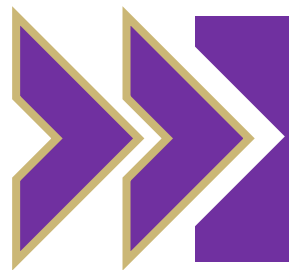
You need a JMU-sponsored Form I-20 to apply for the US student visa, called the F-1 visa. Some steps include:

- Reaching out to your Designated School Official
- Applying for GA positions
- Contacting your sponsors

Phase 3- Complete pre-arrival steps

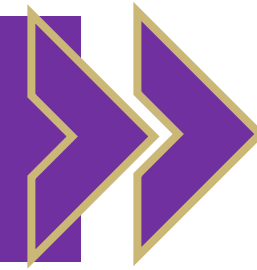
Take care of the necessary arrival steps to:

- guarantee that as many details are ironed out,
 - deadlines are met,
 - reservations are made,
- so that your first weeks on campus will be as smooth and worry-free as possible!



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www.jmu.edu/global/iss/admitted/graduate.shtml



Phase 2- Apply for your US visa

This can take 1 to 2+ months based on your country of citizenship and the US embassy. Use this time to conduct preliminary searches (like housing) and gather important documents to simplify your process for the next phase (like obtaining your list of vaccinations).

Phase 4- Report to the ISSS office

Now that you have arrived in JMU/Harrisonburg, meet with Thomas to figure out what your next steps are, and in which order they need to be taken care of:

- Obtain the keys to your living unit
- Open a bank account
- Complete your SEVIS Registration
- Complete payroll documents
- ... and more!