

1: You're Accepted!



Congratulations! We are excited to have you as part of our student body. Summit's DSO will send an I-20 form which is the document used to apply for the student visa. Once your I-20 is received, you can start working on the visa process!

2: Preparation



You will need to gather the following documents:

- **1-20 & Acceptance Letter** from Summit
- **Valid Passport** (good for at least 6 months past Summit start date)
- **Digital & printed photograph** ([click here for photo requirements](#))

3: DS-160



This is a **required document** for the F1 visa interview. [Click here](#) for direct link. You will need: passport, photo, & SEVIS ID number (located on your I-20). Be sure to **print your confirmation**. You will need to bring it to your visa interview.

4: I-901 SEVIS Fee



Each student who applies for a student visa is required to pay a **\$350 fee** to SEVIS. [Click here](#) for the direct link. The SEVIS fee does not replace the visa fee. Be sure to **print your confirmation**.

7. Travel to US



Once you have received your visa approval, be sure to notify Summit and provide them with a copy of your F1 visa stamp! Then, start making preparations to arrive. You may arrive in the States **30 days** before your program start date. Be sure to travel with all of your documents!

6: Visa Interview

Bring all **official documents** with you including: I-20, acceptance letter, scholarship letter (if applicable), all payment receipts, passport, and photos. Proof of financial support and educational background are also required. See Summit's [Interview Checklist](#) for details.

5: Schedule Your Visa Appt



Schedule a visa interview appointment with the US Embassy in your country. Appointments can be made **120 days** prior to your program start date. [Click here](#) for a listing of US consulates or embassies. A **\$160 visa fee** will also be required. Be sure to **print your confirmation**.

SECURING AN F1 STUDENT VISA

Obtaining an F-1 Student Visa can be a lengthy process. This information is meant to provide assistance as you navigate the process. Please contact the Admissions Office at Summit with any questions!