Apply to UT Dallas online.

Track your admissions status and accept your admission in Galaxy.

Set-up and access your UT Dallas email. All official communication from UTD will be sent to this account.

Apply for a passport if you do not have one.


Your Form I-20 or Form DS-2019 will be sent to you via electronically. Once your visa appointment has been scheduled, request a hard copy of your I-20 by completing these steps:

a. Request a shipping label by submitting the "Complimentary Express Shipping" eForm in Step 2 of your iComet application. This eForm will direct you to the eShip Global website where you will input the details of your shipping request.

b. Submit the "Original Initial I-20 Request" eForm in iComet. You may use the hyperlink, or copy and paste the following link into your web browser: https://icomet.utdallas.edu/istart/controllers/client/ClientEngine.cfm?serviceid=EFormOriginalInitialI20Request0ServiceProvider

Pay SEVIS I-901 fee online, once you receive your Form I-20 or Form DS-2019.

Contact your corresponding US embassy or consulate and schedule your visa interview. List of all US embassies/consulates.

Prepare the required documents for your visa interview. In addition to filling out the Form DS-160 online, check the website for the US Consulate/Embassy where you will be interviewed to see what documents are required.

- Admission Letter.
- Form I-20 or Form DS-2019.
- Proof of funding / sponsorship as reflected on the Form I-20 or Form DS-2019.
- Passport.
- Proof of ties to your home country and intent to return after studying.
- Any other recommendations based on the consulate/embassy website.

Inform ISSO about the status of your F-1 visa application by submitting the 'Visa Update' eForm located in the 'New Admit: F-1 Student' request in iComet.

Complete international student orientation in elearning.utdallas.edu. This is highly recommended for all new students.

Take the Meningitis Vaccine (mandatory for all students under 22 year of age) and submit the results to the Office.

Research housing. There are both on-campus and off-campus options.

Enter the US as a student no earlier than 30 days prior to start of classes. At the port of entry, present your passport, F-1 or J-1 student visa, and Form I-20 or Form DS-2019, as well as your admission letter.

Become familiar with the requirements for maintaining your F-1 status or J-1 status.