



## J-1 Pre-Arrival Checklist

- Sign and date your DS-2019 before your visa interview** - If you are under 18, your parent's signature is also required. The information on your passport and DS-2019 should be the same. If they are not identical, contact the Cranwell International Center (CIC) as soon as possible
- Pay SEVIS I-901 fee** - online at <http://www.ice.gov/sevis/i901/index.htm> before arriving for your visa interview; print the payment receipt for your visa appointment. **You should carry your payment receipt with you when travel to and from the U.S.**
- Obtain a J-1 visa** by making a visa appointment at the United States' consulate office in your home country. [www.usembassy.gov/](http://www.usembassy.gov/)
- Prepare for your visa interview** - <http://www.travel.state.gov/content/visas/en/study-exchange/student.html>
- Important information for J-1 students** - <http://j1visa.state.gov/>
- Create your Virginia Tech PID** - After you have accepted your admission go to [www.hokiespa.vt.edu](http://www.hokiespa.vt.edu) and follow the instructions to create your PID and password. There are additional instructions in this envelope.
- Submit your Housing/Dining Contract** - through HokieSpa [www.hokiespa.vt.edu](http://www.hokiespa.vt.edu).
- Complete the Health History and Immunization Form** - This form should be submitted by **August 14, 2017** using the online health portal. Information can be found here: [http://www.healthcenter.vt.edu/new\\_student/required\\_immunizations.html](http://www.healthcenter.vt.edu/new_student/required_immunizations.html)
- Complete the health insurance requirement** - All J visa holders must have health insurance that meets Virginia Tech's insurance requirements for international students. Students may purchase the university sponsored insurance, which is called Aetna, at <https://www.aetnastudenthealth.com/students/student-connection.aspx?GroupID=474968>. If you do not chose Aetna, you must have an alternate insurance company.
- Travel arrangements** - Plan to arrive to Virginia Tech prior to the morning of **August 21, 2017. (Initial entry students should not attempt to enter the U.S. more than 30 days prior to the program start date).**
  - The closest Airport to Blacksburg, VA is the Roanoke Airport (airport code ROA).
  - Global Education Office will email information regarding airport pick-up schedules.

Questions? Contact us!

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