Visa Information for Admitted International Students

> **International students currently residing outside the United States** will need to apply for an F-1 student visa at the nearest U.S. consulate to attend Fordham and study in the United States full time. Fordham will issue an I-20 document (Certificate of Eligibility) for use in your F-1 student visa application. To issue you a Fordham I-20, we require:

- A completed Application for Certificate of Eligibility
- Documents verifying you have adequate financial resources to meet the tuition, fees and living expenses of your full time program (bank statement, bank letter, scholarship award, etc.)
- A copy of the data page of your current passport

If you submitted these items with your application, your I-20 will be sent to you.

*If you did not submit these items with your application, please email all required documents **as soon as possible** to intadmission@fordham.edu

> **International students currently residing in the United States who already have an F-1 student visa** must arrange to have their SEVIS record transferred from their current school to Fordham. This allows Fordham to issue you a new I-20 document. To issue you a Fordham I-20, we require:

- A completed Application for Certificate of Eligibility
- Documents verifying you have adequate financial resources to meet the tuition, fees and living expenses of your full time program (bank statement, bank letter, scholarship award, etc.)
- A copy of the data page of your current passport
- A completed Transfer Form with the SEVIS transfer date specified

Please email all required documents **as soon as possible** to intadmission@fordham.edu

Once these documents have been received and your current school has released your SEVIS record to Fordham, we can issue you a Fordham I-20.* Please check the validity of your F-1 student visa, as you may need to use your Fordham I-20 to apply for a new F-1 student visa prior to beginning study at Fordham.

> **International students currently residing in the United States who hold another type of non-immigrant visa** can also apply for an F-1 student visa prior to beginning study at Fordham if they wish. This is not always necessary, depending on your current visa status. If you have any questions about this issue or your specific situation, please contact Monica Esser by email at esser@fordham.edu or by telephone at +1-718-817-5204.

We advise that you resolve all visa-related issues as soon as possible and make visa appointments as soon as you receive your I-20.

*Your I-20 will be sent by regular air mail unless you pay for Express Mail when notified that the I-20 is ready. Please see the instructions on the OIS website: [http://www.fordham.edu/ois/mailingoptions](http://www.fordham.edu/ois/mailingoptions)