



Northeastern University Global Services

Instructions for Newly Admitted International Students requesting the F-1 visa eligibility document (Form I-20)

Form I-20 is a visa eligibility document issued by Northeastern University to certify that an eligible international student has met admission requirements for a full-time program of study, and has demonstrated sufficient financial support for his/her studies in the U.S. This visa eligibility document is needed to apply for a non-immigrant student visa at a U.S. embassy or consulate to obtain F-1 status within the U.S.

The following admitted students should request an I-20 from Northeastern University:

- New international students coming from outside the U.S.
- Students currently in F-1 status studying at another school in the U.S.
- Current Northeastern students in F-1 status moving to a new degree program at Northeastern University
- Students currently in the U.S. in any nonimmigrant status (e.g. H-4, L-2, etc.) who want to change to F-1 status*

** If you are not planning to change to F-1 status, please note that not all immigration status categories allow for studying, internships, co-ops, international travel associated with an academic program and/or other experiential learning opportunities. Please note that some academic programs at Northeastern have experiential learning requirements (e.g., co-op or study abroad). Immigration statuses other than F/J may not allow for those and as such may impede the successful completion of your program of study.*

The Office of Global Services (OGS) will process a Form I-20 request **only after** the student has been officially admitted to a full-time program of study, has accepted the offer, paid the deposit and has provided the required information and supporting documentation through an e-form within **myOGS**, the online system for Northeastern University international students. OGS encourages you to submit your I-20 request as soon as possible to provide ample time for the issuance of the I-20 and for your F-1 visa application process prior to your enrollment.

Steps to complete the I-20 Request e-form on myOGS:

1. Click this [Undergraduate Day I-20 request e-form](#)
 - Enter your myNortheastern username and password to log on
2. Complete the e-form and upload all required documentation
 - a) **Identity page of your passport (in color)**
 - b) **Financial documents**
Proof of **liquid assets** for estimated cost of one academic year



Guidelines for Demonstrating Financial Support

When requesting an I-20 for your Northeastern program of study, please show all sources of your financial support and ensure that the sum equals or exceeds the estimated expenses for yourself and any dependents.

All financial documentation must be in English (or certified English translations must be included) and must be **issued within 9 months** of your program start date.

Financial sources must be readily available liquid assets, such as:

- Checking or savings accounts
- Money market accounts
- Certificates/term deposits/fixed deposits (with maturity dates no later than the program start date)



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- Educational loans (a loan application is not sufficient)
- Benevolent account
- Current account
- Post Office accounts
- University scholarships
- Financial guarantee letters (for SACM or SABIC international students)

The following are examples of sources that are NOT acceptable unless it states that the funding is available at any given time. It will be at the discretion of OGS to accept the document.

- Investment portfolios (examples: stocks, bonds, mutual funds)
- Retirement plans
- Public Provident funds
- Available lines of credit
- Wire transfers
- Deeds to real estates
- Leases with rental income
- Salary agreements or paystubs
- Material items (examples: livestock, land, jewelry, fur)
- Income tax forms

c) Additional documentation is required for:

- Students currently in F-1 status at another U.S. institution who are transferring to Northeastern University must also submit: completed Transfer-in Verification Form (available at the OGS website and on the I-20 request e-form).
- Students currently in the U.S. in a nonimmigrant status other than F-1 who are applying to change to F-1 visa status must also submit copy of current immigration status documents.

Estimated expenses for Undergraduate Programs for Academic year 2019 -2020	
Tuition	\$52,216
Room and Board	\$16,758
University Fees	\$1,422
Health Insurance	\$1,999
Books & Personal expenses	\$2,800
Total	\$75,195

The myOGS I-20 Request e-form is designed to respond to an individual student's situation and will guide you through the request process. If you have any questions, please contact the OGS at OGS@northeastern.edu.