GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT OFFICE

International Student Enrollment in Distance Programs
Information for Students

ELIGIBILITY

- International students who hold F-1 or J-1 student visas and who are currently residing in the U.S. are NOT eligible to apply to and enroll in distance programs.
- International students who hold “dependent” visas (such as H-4 or L-2), or students who reside and currently are outside the U.S. ARE eligible to apply and enroll in distance programs.

COMING TO THE U.S. TO ATTEND CAMPUS ACTIVITIES REQUIRED BY THE DISTANCE PROGRAM

- If a program requires a student who resides outside the U.S. to come to the U.S. to attend on-campus activities, including but not limited to orientation, laboratory experiences, learning activities, the student is required to enter the U.S. with an F-1 visa.

STEPS FOR OBTAINING THE F-1 STUDENT VISA

1. Students must meet all program admission requirements including English language proficiency. Program admission requirements are located on the individual program pages. [http://www.creighton.edu/celai/distance-courses-and-programs](http://www.creighton.edu/celai/distance-courses-and-programs).
2. Students must demonstrate financial resource availability to cover their expenses during the required visit to the campus.
   - a. The program office sends the completed international student’s admission file to the Global Engagement Office (GEO).
   - b. The GEO contacts the student to obtain the required financial information.
   - c. If the financial resource criteria are met, the GEO issues the student the documents needed for the F-1 visa application.
   - d. The documents are sent to the student via courier service.
   - e. The GEO sends the student an email explaining the steps to obtain the F-1 visa.
   - f. The student pays the SEVIS fee.
   - g. The student applies for the F-1 student visa at a U.S. Embassy or Consulate in his/her home country.
   - h. The student comes to the U.S. to attend the required on-campus activity in the F-1 visa status

STEPS A STUDENT MUST FOLLOW AFTER HIS/HER ARRIVAL ON CAMPUS

- Check in with the Global Engagement Office (GEO) in Creighton Hall, Suite 302.
- Provide his/her address for the duration of the stay in the U.S.
- Present the passport and visa documents for photocopying.

QUESTIONS?

Please contact the Coordinator of International Student & Scholar Services for any questions regarding this process. Please e-mail Ms. Shama Ali at sali@creighton.edu.