

An F-1 student is a nonimmigrant who is pursuing a full course of study to achieve a specific educational or professional objective at an academic institution in the U.S. that has been designated by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to offer courses of study to such students. The Office of International Affairs (OIA) must determine a student's eligibility to be issued a Form I-20 to be used when applying for the F-1 visa at a U.S. Embassy or Consulate abroad, or if the student is already in the U.S., by sending the Form I-20 to USCIS when applying for a change of status to F-1. Students must demonstrate to OIA that:

- 1) You have been admitted to an eligible academic program at the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston (UTHSC-H)
- 2) You are capable of financing your education and stay in the U.S.
- 3) Immigration regulations will not prohibit you from being issued the Form I-20

OIA will be provided with a copy of your admission letter from the school you have been admitted to. Students admitted to a program of study at UTHSC-H must complete and sign this form and return all original documents to OIA at the address below in order to determine eligibility for the Form I-20.

**Section I: Student Information**

\_\_\_\_\_  
 LAST/FAMILY NAME

\_\_\_\_\_  
 First/Given Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Middle

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)

Gender:  Male  Female

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
 City of Birth

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Country of Birth

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Country of Citizenship

Permanent Address in Home Country:

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Home or Apartment # and Street

\_\_\_\_\_  
 City

\_\_\_\_\_  
 State/Province

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Country

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Postal Code

**Section II: Immigration Information**

Are you currently in the U.S.?  Yes  No

Phone: 713-500-3176 Fax: 713-500-3189

E-mail: [utoiahouston@uth.tmc.edu](mailto:utoiahouston@uth.tmc.edu)

7000 Fannin Street, Suite 130

Houston, TX 77030

Web: <http://www.uth.tmc.edu/intlaffairs>

- If yes, please indicate your current visa type: \_\_\_\_\_
- If current visa type is F-1, student must comply with the instructions given in the **Transfer-In Form**
- Please contact your International Visitor Advisor (IVA) at OIA if you are not in the U.S. on the F-1 visa but are considering changing your visa status to the F-1 student visa.

Are you in the U.S. on a visa that restricts employment or full-time enrollment?  Yes  No

- If yes and you will accept the academic program, please indicate below how you will seek F-1 status:
  - I will depart the U.S. and apply for the F-1 visa at a U.S. Embassy or Consulate abroad
  - I will apply for a change of status to F-1 while remaining in the U.S.
- Please contact your IVA at OIA if your current visa type restricts you from being employed in the U.S. or engaging in full-time enrollment

Are you currently attending or have you recently graduated from another school/institution in the U.S.?  Yes  No

- If yes, are you currently authorized optional practical training?  Yes  No

**Section III: Dependent Information**

Will you be accompanied by your spouse or unmarried child (under the age of 21) who will seek F-2 status?

Yes  No

- If yes, please provide the following information:

**Spouse**

_____ LAST/FAMILY NAME	_____ First/Given Name	_____ Middle
_____ Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)	_____ City of Birth	_____ Country of Birth
_____ Country of Citizenship	_____ Country of Legal Permanent Residence	

**Child**

_____ LAST/FAMILY NAME	_____ First/Given Name	_____ Middle
_____ Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)	_____ City of Birth	_____ Country of Birth
_____ Country of Citizenship	_____ Country of Legal Permanent Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Son <input type="checkbox"/> Daughter

**Child**

_____ LAST/FAMILY NAME	_____ First/Given Name	_____ Middle
_____ Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)	_____ City of Birth	_____ Country of Birth
_____ Country of Citizenship	_____ Country of Legal Permanent Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Son <input type="checkbox"/> Daughter

**Child**

_____ LAST/FAMILY NAME	_____ First/Given Name	_____ Middle
_____ Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)	_____ City of Birth	_____ Country of Birth
_____ Country of Citizenship	_____ Country of Legal Permanent Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Son <input type="checkbox"/> Daughter

**Section IV: Mailing Instructions**

If OIA determines that you are eligible for the Form I-20, please provide the information below so that all documents can be provided to you.

- ***This section is not required for students admitted to the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences.***

- Please mail the Form I-20 by regular airmail to the address below
  - *Please note that regular mail to overseas addresses may take up to 4+ weeks.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Home or Apartment # and Street

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
City

\_\_\_\_\_  
State/Province

\_\_\_\_\_  
Country

\_\_\_\_\_  
Postal Code

- Please mail the Form I-20 by express mail to the address above.
  - *If checked, please provide this office with a completed Pre-Paid Air Bill.*

- Please contact the person below when the Form I-20 has been processed. I authorize the person below to pick-up the Form I-20 from OIA and mail to my attention.

\_\_\_\_\_  
LAST/FAMILY NAME

\_\_\_\_\_  
First/Given Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail Address

Student's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_