

## **APPLYING FOR A SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER (SSN)**

Currently the Social Security Administration issues SSN for international students on F-1 or J-1 visas for employment purposes **ONLY**.

### **Required Document for all Foreign Applicants:**

- A completed Form SS-5 (this form is available at the SSA office)
- At least two documents that establish your age and identity (e.g. passport, driver's license, school ID).
- Form I-94

### **F-1 Students:**

- SEVIS Form I-20
- Proof of employment authorization
  - For on-campus employment, a letter from your employer (hiring unit at FIU) signed also by ISSS – a sample letter is available in the ISSS office and online – this letter must be submitted to ISSS along with a request for an On-Campus Employment Certification **(Allow five business days for processing)**

### **J-1 students:**

- SEVIS Form DS-2019
- A letter of employment authorization from exchange program sponsor or ISSS **(Allow five business days for processing)**

### **Optional Practical Training (OPT) or off-campus employment:**

- Employment authorization document (EAD) issued by USCIS

### **Curricular Practical Training (CPT):**

- Form I-20 showing the CPT employment authorization page
- Letter from employer

**NOTE: Students offered graduate assistantships must check-in with ISSS and then present themselves to the SSA no earlier than 10 days after your arrival in the U.S.**

### **SSA Location – South Miami**

11401 W FLAGLER ST  
MIAMI, FL 33174

### **SSA Location - North Miami**

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### **Online Office locator by Zip Code:**

<https://secure.ssa.gov/apps6z/FOLO/fo001.jsp>