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INFORMATION FOR NEWLY ADMITTED INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE STUDENTS (J-1 EXCHANGE VISITORS)

Pre-arrival Information

- **Review the enclosed form DS-2019 carefully. Verify that all information is correct.**
- **Pay the \$200 SEVIS fee.** Newly admitted students who enter the U.S. for the first time in J-1 status must pay the SEVIS fee prior to applying for their visa. Payment information is available at www.fmjfee.com.
- **Apply for the J-1 Visa.** Visit the U.S. embassy or consulate in your home country to apply for the J-1 visa. You will have to present your DS-2019 issued by Florida Atlantic University (FAU), passport (valid at least six months into the future), FAU admission letter, and financial documents to prove availability of funds for your education and living expenses. DO NOT ENTER THE U.S. in visitor status.
- **Make housing arrangements before arrival.** On-campus housing is limited and reserving space requires an application far in advance of the semester start date. For further housing information, call 561-297-2880 or visit the housing website at <http://www.fau.edu/student/housing>.
- **Prepare for money matters.** You are expected to have sufficient funds for the period of studies as indicated on the DS-2019. For your initial arrival bring cash or travelers' checks to cover your initial expenses, medical insurance, tuition/fees, books and supplies, and initial housing arrangements. Individual financial needs vary greatly, but we recommend that you have at least \$4000 in travelers' checks or arrange for a wire transfer of funds that can be immediately available.
- **Bring medical and immunization records with you (or send them in advance).** Florida State Law requires all students to be immunized against measles and rubella. Prior to registration you will have to provide medical certificates in English showing you received the required immunizations, or you will have to receive immunizations upon arriving at FAU (for an additional cost to you).
- **Prepare for entry to the United States.** At the port of entry (i.e., Fort Lauderdale International Airport, Miami International Airport, etc.) you will need to present the following documents: passport with valid J-1 visa stamp, DS-2019, and Form I-94 (which you will receive on the plane prior to your arrival).

Arrival at Florida Atlantic University

- Check in with the Office of International Programs (OIP) as soon as you arrive.
- **Attend required international exchange student orientation.** During the orientation, you will learn about immigration regulations pertaining to your J-1 visa status and become familiar with FAU academic and campus environment. You will also complete immigration check-in with ISSS, clear registration holds, meet with an academic advisor, and register for classes.
- Purchase required medical insurance. J-1 students are required to have medical insurance that meets U.S. Department of State, State of Florida, and university mandated coverage Students have two options:
 - 1) To purchase the FAU insurance plan, contact Insurance for Students, Inc. at www.insuranceforstudents.com or email cbode@insuranceforstudents.com. Compliance with the insurance requirement must be verified prior to registering for courses.
 - 2) Students who wish to use an outside plan must have their insurance company complete the Alternate Insurance Compliance Form (available online at www.fau.edu/iss in the Forms section) and confirm that the policy meets all requirements listed on the form.

Students must comply with the insurance requirement prior to class registration – no exceptions!

- Provide a local address within 10 days from arriving in the U.S.
- Provide immunization records and medical information to Student Health Services
- Attend the international exchange student orientation.
- Clear any remaining registration holds.
- Consult with an academic advisor regarding course selection/registration.