

International Applicant Fact Sheet

For Students Applying From Overseas

STEP 1

APPLY TO COGSWELL COLLEGE

After completing the application process and being accepted by Cogswell, the College is authorized to issue you a Form I-20 document. To issue the Form I-20 Cogswell will need **proof of financial support** to cover your education and living expenses for one year (bank statements, affidavits of support). This is an official document that confirms you are eligible to study at Cogswell College.

STEP 3

TRAVEL TO THE U.S.

After you receive your F-1 visa you should make travel arrangements.

You may enter the U.S. no more than 30 days prior to the program start date listed on your Form I-20.

STEP 4

CHECK IN AT COGSWELL COLLEGE

- Check in with the Designated School Official at Cogswell College. Bring your I-20, passport, Student Visa and I-94.
- The office will provide you with more information about orientation session, placement testing and your responsibilities as an F-1 international student.
- Meet with a counselor to review your test results and to register for your classes.
- Students applying from a foreign country must pay their 1st semester fee at time of acceptance.

STEP 2

APPLY FOR YOUR F-1 VISA

<https://ceac.state.gov/genniv>

Nonimmigrant Visa Application: Form DS-160

Check with your local consulate for its specific requirements

- Pay the SEVIS fee (Student and Exchange Visitor Information Service). This may be paid online at the SEVIS Fee Payment information page (<http://www.fmjfee.com/>).
- Make an appointment at the U.S. Embassy (<http://www.usembassy.gov/>) or Consulate for an interview. Many branches now use an online booking system.
- At the interview, you will be asked to show your relevant papers. Interview requirements may vary based on country.

→ Completed Form DS-160, nonimmigrant Visa Application

→ Proof of SEVIS fee payment

→ A passport valid for travel to the U.S. and with a validity date at least six months beyond your intended period of stay

→ Two photographs (2"x2" or 37x37mm), showing full face, without head covering, against a light background

→ The letter of admissions from the school you plan to study at

→ Signed Form I-20 issued by Cogswell College

→ Proof of financial support to cover your education and living expenses for one year (bank statements, affidavits of support, scholarship award letters, etc.)

→ You will be asked about your educational plans and your plans for returning to your home country. Visit the U.S. Department of State's website (http://travel.state.gov/visa/temp/types/types_1268.html) for more information about the visa interview.

- If the consular officer determines that everything is in order, the officer is authorized to issue you an F-1 student visa.



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