

What should I do if I have not received my form I-20 yet?

Apply for the B-2 Prospective Student visa: Take your letter of acceptance from FCSL to the U.S. Embassy with all the evidence required for applying for the F-1 student visa (see other side). Explain that you have been admitted but have not yet received your Form I-20 A-B and that the college advised you to apply for the B-2 visa with a notation saying "Prospective Student" visa. You will be interviewed as if you were applying for a student visa but will be issued a B-2 visa with a notation saying "Prospective Student." After you are admitted to the U.S. and have received your Form I-20, you will need to apply for a "change of status" to F-1 student.

Do not enter the U.S. with a tourist (B-1 or B-2) visa unless it is annotated "Prospective Student." If you already hold a valid tourist visa, take your letter of acceptance with all the other evidence required for applying for the F-1 visa (see above) to the U.S. EMBASSY to request that this notation be added. To enter the U.S. as a tourist when you plan to be a student is a serious violation of U.S. law.

Do not enter the U.S. without a visa (WT or WB status) if you are from a country from where it is permitted to present a round-trip airline ticket for entry. You will only be able to stay in the U.S. 90 days and cannot change to F-1 status from within the country.