

Office of International Students and Scholars (OISS) will begin processing visas for newly admitted students upon receipt of the **Financial Certification Form (I-20)**. You will need your NetID to access the [Financial Certification Form](#).

To ensure you have ample time to receive your I-20 and complete the visa application process, we kindly request that you submit your financial documents no later than May 1, 2026.

The following forms of financial certification are acceptable:

1. A bank statement in your name or that of your sponsor (the sponsor may be a family member or friend). The statement must be issued within the last six (6) months and include the current balance which shows more than the required amount. Please ensure the document is presented on official letterhead and clearly includes the issuance date, the account holder's name, and the current balance.
2. If the bank statement has any name other than yours (the student), the sponsor must provide a letter of support. (form available online)
3. A copy of your financial aid letter from Yale School of Architecture.

Getting Your I-20 or DS-2019

OISS will be issuing I-20 or DS-2019 forms to newly admitted students. There are several steps to this process (described in [Applying for Your U.S. Visa](#)). You can expect your I-20 or DS-2019 (both sent electronically) 7 to 10 business days after you have submitted both your New Student Survey and the financial documentation. **Please allow us this time to complete the process before asking where your form is.** Please pay attention to your email as we will notify you if anything is missing.

Passport to Yale

For degree students, when you receive your I-20 (F-1) or DS-2019 (J-1), you will also be invited to the [OISS Passport to Yale](#), a pre-arrival app through [Yale Connect](#) where you can connect with other incoming international students. You will receive access to Passport to Yale approximately one week after receiving your I-20.

Getting in Touch

If you have any questions not answered in the below pages or in our [FAQs for new students](#), please contact your OISS Adviser. You can find the OISS Adviser assigned to your school by using the search tool on our [Connect with OISS](#) page.

[F or J SEVIS Transfers](#)

The preliminary steps above are required before OISS can process your SEVIS transfer of your F-1 or J-1 status to Yale. Note that your SEVIS release date will determine when OISS can create your I-20 or DS-2019 so there may be a length of time between your completion of the initial steps and the actual issue date of your immigration document.

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