International Travel for International Students and Scholars

During the COVID-19 crisis, international travel restrictions will continue to change. However basic regulations regarding international visitors coming to the U.S. still apply:

**Travel Restrictions:** There have been several travel restrictions enacted recently related to COVID-19. Read the latest memo from the [Department of Homeland Security](https://www.dhs.gov/news/2020/03/17/fact-sheet-dhs-notice-arrival-restrictions-china-iran-and-certain-countries-europe)[1]

**Consulate & Embassy Closures:** In response to worldwide challenges related to the outbreak of COVID-19, the [Department of State is suspending routine visa services in most countries worldwide](https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/News/visas-news/suspension-of-routine-visa-services.html)[2]. Embassies and consulates in these countries will cancel all routine immigrant and nonimmigrant visa appointments as of March 18, 2020. Check the website of the embassy or consulate for its current operating status. When visa services resume please review [application requirements](https://oiss.yale.edu/travel/renewing-your-visa)[3] to obtain a new visa. However also keep up to date with University [announcements regarding COVID-19](https://communications.yale.edu/covid-19-information)[4] include protocols for being on, or returning to campus.

**I-20 and DS-2019 Travel Signatures**

F-1 and J-1 visa holders who need a new travel signature on their I-20 or DS-2019 (valid for 12 months, except if you are on OPT, then its every 6 months) should [email their OISS adviser](https://oiss.yale.edu/about/contact-oiss).[5] If we can't get you a travel signature before you leave, don't worry we will send you a new form with a signature for your return.

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