For Canadian Citizens

Canadian students and scholars **do not need a visa** to enter the United States, however **you must be sure to complete your I-94 record** with the U.S. immigration official at your point of entry to the United States. If you enter the U.S. by land, you will be given an I-94 record. If you enter by air, **your I-94 record** will be entered into the online system. You will need to print out your I-94 record upon your return to the U.S. as evidence of your legal status. In both cases, you will be charged a small fee (it is currently under $10) to process the I-94 record.

As U.S. immigration inspectors are accustomed to admitting Canadian citizens as visitors, not full-time students or scholars, **it is your responsibility to make sure you are granted the correct immigration status when you are entering the U.S.** If you are admitted as a visitor (or tourist) without receiving an I-94 record noting your immigration status (e.g., F-1, J-1, H-1B, TN, etc), you will have to return to Canada and re-enter a second time.

### Required Documents

Depending on your immigration status, you will need to present the documents below to the U.S. immigration official at your U.S. Point of Entry.

- **F-1 Students**
- **J-1 Scholars**
- **H-1B Scholars**
- **Other Scholars**

### F-1 Students

**Canadian Passport**

Effective December 31, 2007, a passport is required for ALL entries to the U.S., including land borders.

**Form I-20**

Yale will mail you your I-20. The I-20 is your F-1 student immigration document. It has been produced by SEVIS (Student and Exchange Visitor Information System) and is an acknowledgment that your record is in the SEVIS system.

**SEVIS Fee Receipt**

All new students coming in F-1 status must pay a $350 SEVIS fee at least a week prior to entering the U.S. You can find instructions about paying the fee on this [page](page). You will need to print the receipt from the web page upon confirmation of payment.

**Evidence of Funding**

Your financial documentation must be reflective of what is noted on your I-20 in section 8. Acceptable forms of financial certification include, your award letter, if you are on scholarship and/or a recent bank or investment statement as demonstration of personal funds.

**Entry**

You may enter the U.S. up to 30 days before the start date on your I-20 form.

J-1 Scholars
**Canadian Passport**

Effective December 31, 2007, a passport is required for ALL entries to the U.S., including land borders.

**DS-2019 Form**

Yale will send you a DS-2019 form. The DS-2019 is your J-1 scholar immigration document. The DS-2019 has been produced by SEVIS (Student and Exchange Visitor Information System) and is an acknowledgment that your record is in the SEVIS system.

**SEVIS Fee Receipt**

All new scholars coming in J-1 status must pay a 0 SEVIS fee prior to entering the U.S. You can find instructions about paying the fee on this page. [3] You will need to print the receipt from the web page upon confirmation of payment.

**Evidence of Funding**

Your financial documentation must be reflective of what is noted on your DS-2019 form in section 5. Examples of acceptable forms of financial certification include, your offer letter, a recent bank statement, a letter from your home institution showing the amount of funding they will provide and the dates it is valid, etc.

**Entry**

You may enter the U.S. up to 30 days before the start date on your DS-2019 form.

**H-1B Scholars**

**Canadian Passport**

Effective December 31, 2007, a passport is required for ALL entries to the U.S. including land borders.

**Form I-797**

Yale will mail you the official notice of approval, Form I-797. You will need to present this form at your border crossing.

**Form I-129**

Yale will mail you a copy of your H-1B petition, Form I-129. You will need to present this form at your border crossing.

**Form ETA 9035 - Labor Condition Application**

Yale will mail you a copy of your Labor Condition Application (LCA). You will need to present this form at your border crossing.

**Important Information About Your Status**

If you are entering the U.S. for the first time under H-1B status, you may enter no earlier than 10 days before the H-1B start date as indicated on the petition approval notice. It is your responsibility to make sure that you are are issued an I-94 record at your entry and that the I-94 record bears the correct visa classification and expiration date.
Other Canadian Scholars

Canadian Passport

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Your Immigration Document (if necessary)

If you need an immigration document, Yale will send you one.