WELCOME! We are excited to have you at Southern Methodist University. To get ready for the transition to campus life, the International Student and Scholar Services team has prepared a helpful checklist. Complete the items below before your arrival to campus.

- **Verify information on I-20/DS2019 is accurate**
  Contact ISSS immediately at isss@smu.edu if you see any errors.

- **Pay SEVIS fee**
  https://studyinthestates.dhs.gov/paying-your-i-901-sevis-fee

- **Apply for New Visa (F or J)**
  https://www.usembassy.gov/
  Prepare for your visa interview and take the following documents with you:
  - SEVIS Fee Receipt
  - Letter of Admission
  - Form I20/DS-2019
  - Passport
  - Proof of funding and/or educational sponsorship documents reflected on I-20
  More information can be found at www.smu.edu/isss

- **Attend New Student Orientation**
  - **Undergraduate Students:** You must register for AARO (Academic Advising, Registration, Orientation) via my.SMU. AARO registration typically opens in December and is scheduled for: **January 11, 2019**
  - **Graduate Students:** Please check with your department and visit their website for any orientation related information. This varies based on the department and advanced registration may not be required for some departments.

- **Register for Health Insurance & Immunizations**
  Take care of this step to ensure there are no holds on your account at the time you register for classes.
  http://www.smu.edu/StudentAffairs/HealthCenter/Insurance

- **Plan for housing and meal plan options**
  - **Undergraduate Students:**
    http://www.smu.edu/studentaffairs/housing
    For students living on-campus meal plans are required
  - **Graduate Students:** Start researching local housing options to see what best fits your needs.

- **Prepare for payment of tuition**
  https://www.smu.edu/EnrollmentServices/Bursar

- **Booking Your Flight**
  When purchasing your plane tickets be sure to plan your travel allowing enough time to arrive for scheduled orientation sessions. Students are allowed to enter the U.S. up to 30 days prior to the program start date listed on the form I20 or DS-2019. Be sure to enter the U.S. with your F-1 or J-1 student visa; **do not** enter the U.S. with a tourist visa.

- **Complete the International Student Compliance Course**
  A printed copy of your passing score is **required** for document check-in. Failure to complete this will result in delays in your ability to register for classes.
  Course can be found on your SMU Canvas page: smu.instructure.com. Please log-in using your SMU ID Number and password.

- **Upload a photo for your SMU ID Card**
  https://www.smu.edu/BusinessFinance/CampusServices/ParkingAndIDCardServices/ID-Card-Services

- **Follow SMU International Student & Scholar Services on Facebook and Instagram.**
  Join our Facebook group **SMU International Mustangs** to interact with other new students.

For questions, please email isss@smu.edu