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Your 5 Steps
to U.S. Study



A good place to start is our [Apply for your student visa](#) page.

Valid student visas are required to apply to the Department of Homeland Security for admission into the U.S.

Schedule an interview

Do this as soon as possible—once you have all the necessary paperwork and have completed the required steps. If the available appointment time is after your school start date, you may want to apply for an emergency appointment after you have already scheduled a regular appointment.

Come prepared

Visas can be delayed because students don't bring all the required documentation. To avoid this, make sure you confirm what you are required to bring and become familiar with how to apply for a visa at: <http://www.ustraveldocs.com/au/>

Visa requirements are subject to change and you are responsible for confirming both the requirements and what you need to bring to your visa appointment. This could include:

- Confirmation page from the DS-160 form
- A receipt showing payment of your US\$160 non-refundable non-immigrant visa application processing fee, paid in local currency
- A passport valid for travel to the U.S. with a validity date at least six months beyond your intended period of stay
- One (1) 2"x2" (5cmx5cm) photograph
- SEVIS Receipt - payable at <http://www.fmjfee.com>
- An approved Form I-20 from your U.S. school or program or other required form/s

Helpful link

[Apply for a U.S. visa](#)

Don't stress

During the interview, the consul will be interested in your background— why you want to travel to the U.S.; what school you will attend; your goals; and how you will pay for your education. Prepare by watching this [EducationUSA video](#).

