Dear Student,

We're looking forward to seeing you at Stanford!

New students are often a little concerned about the process of clearing customs and immigration when they arrive in the U.S. Keeping this in mind, we want to make sure that you review the important information below.

**WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN YOU ENTER THE U.S.**

When you arrive in the U.S., you will go through immigration inspection.

*Make sure you have all your entry documents with you in your hand, and not in your suitcase.* You will need to present the following items to a Customs and Border Protection official.

- Valid passport with at least 6 months validity at the time of entry, unless a passport agreement exists between your home country and the U.S.
- Your Stanford I-20
- Valid F visa stamp in your passport – except for Canadian citizens
- Proof of SEVIS payment
- Summer Session admission letter
- Proof of funding

The official at the port of entry will closely inspect your arrival documents. Students who arrive in the U.S. with missing documents may not be allowed entry.

**Do not enter the U.S. on a B-1 or B-2 visa or under the Visa Waiver Program, as you cannot study or work in this status, and you will most likely have to leave the U.S. and reenter in the proper status before you can begin classes at Stanford University.**

Please be aware that all international students entering the U.S. are now subject to heightened scrutiny upon entry to the U.S., and may be required to go through secondary inspection that can result in delays of up to 2–3 hours. Since the admission process may take significantly longer, you should take this into account when arranging airport pickups.

**I–94 AUTOMATION**

U.S. Customs and Border Protection has automated Form I–94 (Arrival/Departure Record) at air and sea ports of entry. The paper form will no longer be provided to a traveler upon arrival, except in limited circumstances. The traveler will be provided with an admission stamp on their travel document.

Once you have entered the U.S., and as soon as you have Internet access, we strongly encourage you to download and print your I–94 at https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov/I94 to verify the information on the record is correct. Remember to print a new I–94 record after each time you exit and return to the U.S. Keep the most current printed I–94 with your passport for your own records.

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Detailed information about how to maintain your visa status in the U.S. can be found on our website (https://bechtel.stanford.edu/immigration/maintaining-status/maintaining-status-f-and-j-students).

The U.S. government requires every F–1 student to have accurate and up-to-date home and local addresses (SEVIS US address) to be reported upon your arrival to the U.S. Instructions on how to report your address can be found here: https://bechtel.stanford.edu/immigration/address-updates

Please make sure to attend the mandatory International Student Check-In held on Sunday, June 19, 2016 at 3:30 pm on Levin Field (located on Mayfield Avenue near Florence Moore Hall). You must bring your I–20, passport, Stanford ID card, and present your I–94 either in print or electronically to get checked in.

We understand that you will have many questions about coming to Stanford and the U.S. The Bechtel International Center is here to provide answers. Please don’t hesitate to contact our office at internationalstudents@stanford.edu.

We look forward to seeing you at Stanford!

Take care and safe travels.

Bechtel International Staff