

2021-2022 Academic Year

Dear International Graduate Student:

Congratulations on your acceptance to Tufts University! The staff at the International Center would like to welcome you and offer our assistance while you attend Tufts. Our office advises international students, faculty, and scholars on immigration issues, and coordinates intercultural programs and activities on campus.

As an international student, you must obtain a proper visa to enter and study in the United States. In order to obtain a student visa (F-1 or J-1 visa), you must request a Form I-20 (F-1) or DS-2019 (J-1) from the International Center.

For instructions on how to request a visa document (VDR), please visit the International Center web page: <https://icenter.tufts.edu/coming-to-tufts/visa-document/student-visa-document/>. Once you have reached this page, follow the steps to apply for your Form I-20 or Form DS-2019.

Please note that your visa document request (VDR) must be accompanied by any required documents as indicated by the instructions.

Processing of I-20 or DS-2019 forms for Spring term admission typically begins in October. Standard processing times are up to two weeks. The deadline to submit VDRs for Spring 2022 admission is **November 30, 2021**.

We will send more comprehensive information on the visa application process and the process for paying the SEVIS Fee along with your Form I-20 or DS-2019. You will also receive orientation information. Before you arrive at Tufts, you will receive several emails from the International Center; therefore, it is very important that you notify the International Center, the Office of Graduate Studies, and departmental contacts if you change your address, email, or telephone number.

If you should have any questions, please contact the International Center via email at internationalcenter@tufts.edu. The International Center's main office is located at 20 Sawyer Avenue in Medford, Massachusetts, although our operations are primarily remote due to COVID-19. Our hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 9:00am – 5:00pm (U.S. Eastern Standard Time), except for University holidays.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,

The International Center