

# PROCESS OVERVIEW FOR INTERNATIONAL GRADUATE STUDENTS

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## APPLY TO YOUR ACADEMIC PROGRAM OF CHOICE

- Consult program's website for admissions requirements and application process
- Each graduate school or college at BU has its own admissions office

## ACCEPT YOUR OFFER & PAY DEPOSIT

- Follow the steps in the links provided to accept your offer, pay deposit if applicable and submit your documents through the applicant portal
- Documents include: Student Data Form, Financial Documents, Passport. Additional documentation may be required.

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## ADMISSIONS OFFICE CREATES ISSO FILE

- The admissions office for your program will review your submitted documents and once complete, submit a file to the ISSO to request immigration processing

## ISSO REVIEW & IMMIGRATION PROCESSING

- ISSO will review your file and create an immigration document for you.
- If your record is incomplete or additional processing is required you will be contacted by the ISSO or your admissions office.

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## RECEIVING YOUR IMMIGRATION DOCUMENT

- Immigration documents will be sent to your BU email address.
- Once you have your immigration document, pay the I-901 SEVIS Fee at [fmjfee.com](http://fmjfee.com)

## APPLY FOR YOUR STUDENT VISA

- Follow instructions from US Department of State to apply for your F-1 or J-1 visa
- Bring your I-901 receipt to your visa appointment along with any other requested documents

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## PREPARE TO ENTER THE U.S.

- Plan to travel to the U.S. no more than 30 days before the start date on your immigration document.
- Be prepared to show your passport, visa, immigration document, and financial documents at the border.

Visit [bu.edu/isso](http://bu.edu/isso) for more information

For immigration questions after your acceptance to BU, please contact ISSO Admissions Team at [issogac@bu.edu](mailto:issogac@bu.edu)