New International Student Pre-Arrival Checklist

- Prepare the required documents for your visa interview. In addition to filling out the Form DS-160 online, check the website for the US consulate/embassy where you will be interviewed to see what documents they require.
  - Admission Letter
  - Form I-20 or Form DS-2019

- Proof of funding/sponsorship as reflected on the Form I-20 or Form DS-2019
- Passport
- Proof of ties to your home country and intent to return after studying
- Any other recommendations based on the consulate/embassy website

- Apply to UT Dallas online.
- Track your admissions status and accept your admission in Galaxy.
- Set-up and access your UT Dallas email. All official communication from UTD will be sent to this account.
- Apply for a passport if you do not have one.
- Your Form I-20 or Form DS-2019 will be sent to you via complimentary express mail shipping. Complete your request through iComet.
- Pay SEVIS I-901 fee online, once you receive your Form I-20 or Form DS-2019.
- Contact your corresponding US embassy or consulate and schedule your visa interview. List of all US embassies/consulates.
- Research housing. There are both on-campus and off-campus housing options.
- Enter the US as a student no earlier than 30 days prior to start of classes. At the port of entry, present your passport, F-1 or J-1 student visa, and Form I-20 or Form DS-2019, as well as your admission letter.
- Become familiar with the requirements for maintaining your F-1 status or J-1 status.

- Inform ISSO about the status of your F-1 visa application by submitting the 'Visa Update' EForm located in the 'New Admit: F-1 Student' request in Comet.
- Register for mandatory International Student Orientation.
- Complete mandatory Pre-Arrival Modules administered through eLearning.
- Take the Meningitis Vaccine (mandatory for all students under 22 year of age) and submit the results to the UTD Registrar Office.