IMMIGRATION INFO SESSION FOR NEWLY ADMITTED STUDENTS

PRESENTED BY ISO ADVISORS

JUNE 10, 2022

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NEWLY ADMITTED STUDENTS

https://issp.virginia.edu/newly-admitted-students

STEP 1: Accept your offer with UVA

STEP 2: Complete the ITS New Student Checklist

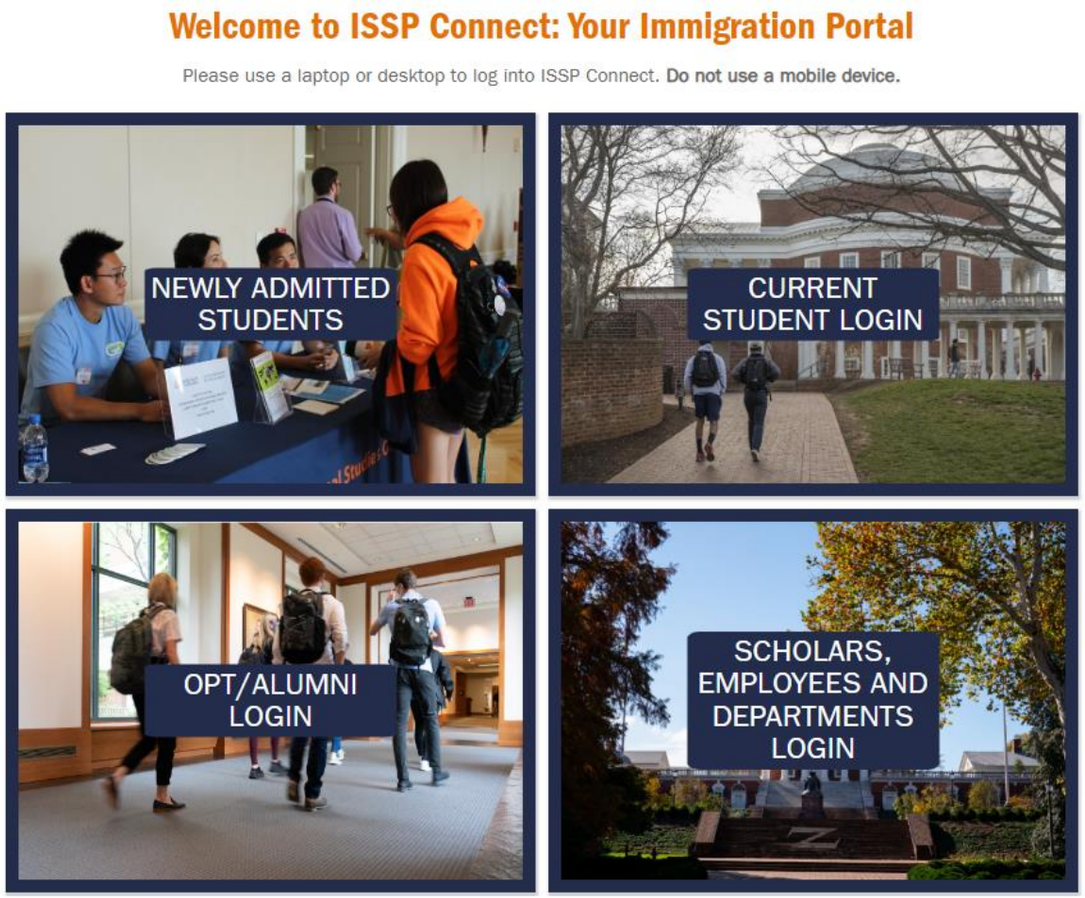
STEP 3: Determine if you wish to obtain F-1 or J-1 status (more information on website)

STEP 4: Complete our initial I-20/DS-2019 survey. This form is required if you intend to study in the United States under the F-1 or J-1 visa.

ISSP CONNECT

CONNECT.ISSP.VIRGINIA.EDU

- Within 5-6 business days after you submit the survey, you will receive a link to your **UVA email** with instructions to access ISSP Connect to complete your immigration request.
- **Always check your official UVA email!**
- **Please use a laptop or desktop computer to complete immigration request. Do not use a mobile device.**
- Ensure you complete all required fields and checkboxes within the request.



I-20/DS-2019 APPLICATION

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If you have an active SEVIS record at a U.S. institution, please complete the “Transfer In” form within your request in ISSP Connect. Additionally, if you have dependents (spouse/children) that you will bring, make sure to enter their details in the corresponding fields.

1 Welcome! — 2 Immigration Request — 3 Personal & Program — 4 Financial Details

INSTRUCTIONS:

- This immigration request is for students seeking F-1 status only.
- If you are in the United States or will arrive to the United States under a different visa status, please email a copy of your visa document to issp@virginia.edu.
- Note:
  - **If you DO, have an active F-1 SEVIS record at a U.S. institution, you must click on the Transfer In button below to complete and submit separately.**
  - **If you do NOT, please skip and submit information on all other tabs of your profile.**
- Dependents:
  - Adding dependents means adding your spouse or your children under F-2 status. Do not add a dependent if you do not have a spouse or children.

Do you intend to apply for a J-1 student visa? *
◯ Yes ◯ No

Transfer In

Do you have an active F-1 SEVIS record at a U.S. institution? *
◯ Yes ◯ No

Do you plan to bring a spouse and/or dependent child while studying at UVA? *
◯ Yes ◯ No

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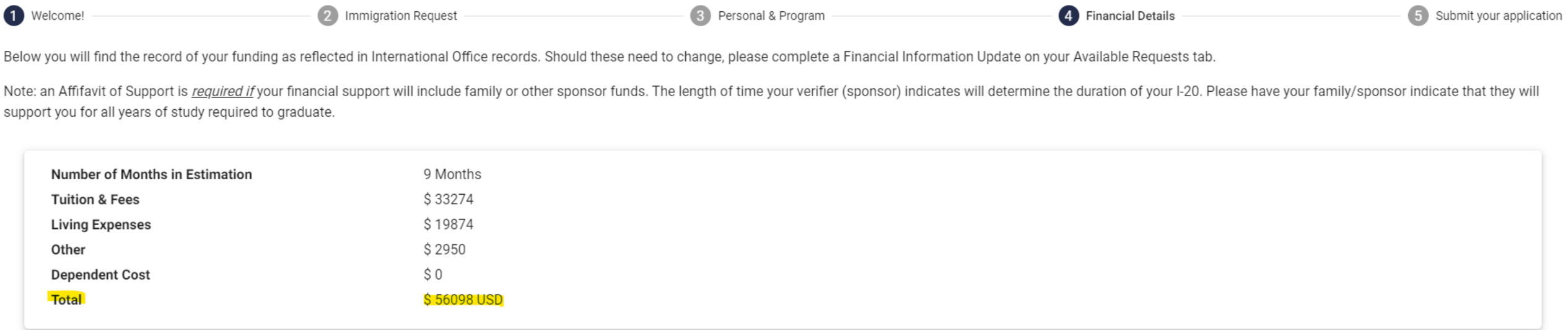
All students must provide funding to cover at least 1 academic year. You can find the minimum total amount on the financial details tab within ISSP Connect.

- Financial document must not be older than 6 months from date of submission.
- You or your sponsor's name and the funding amount must be listed on the statement. Any currency is accepted if it is equivalent to the total cost.



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You will input the funding amount in the corresponding funding section. For example, if your family will assist you, you will place the amount in the “Other Funding Amount” section and enter “Family Funds”. If you are funded by your department, enter the amount in the “School Funding Amount”.

Financial Information

Expenses

Tuition Amount
$ 33274

Living Expenses Amount
$ 19874

Dependent Expenses Amount
$ 0

Other Expenses Amount
$ 2950

Other Expenses Remarks
Health insurance
484 characters left

Total Expense: $ 56098

Funding

Personal Funding Amount
$ 0

School Funding Amount
$ 0

School Funding Remarks
500 characters left

Other Funding Amount
$ 56098

Other Funding Remarks
Family Funds
488 characters left

On Campus Employment Funding Amount
$ 0

Total Funding: $ 56098

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Financial Documentation Upload

- If you are a PhD student, you will upload your acceptance letter, showing your funding information, here.
- If you are self funded or sponsored, upload the bank statement here.

Affidavit of Support Upload

- If you are sponsored by a family member or other sponsoring agency, you must upload an affidavit of support here. You can use the template seen within the request.

☐ I certify that the financial support documentation submitted in this request is accurate. *

☐ I understand that I must demonstrate financial support for a minimum of 1 year of studies but that I am responsible to provide funding for all years of study at the University of Virginia. *

Financial Documentation *

Financial Documentation

See ***Estimated Costs***. ***If you are funded through scholarship, fellowship or grant from the university***, please upload your offer letter to the "Financial Documentation" section. You do not need to complete an affidavit of support request unless you are to supplement your finances with funds from family or friends.

Browse

or drag a file here

Affidavit of Support

Letter from family member or sponsoring agency/government/companies

Please upload the applicable documentation (see *Affidavit of Support Documentation Requirements*). Your sponsor can use this template.

Browse

or drag a file here

ISSP CONNECT

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ISSP Connect is where you will submit immigration requests. Processing time is 3-5 business days.

Application Status Definitions

- **IN REVIEW**: Needs approval from your academic advisor or instructor. Reach out to your academic advisor or instructor for approval.
- **PENDING**: Your application has not been submitted to ISSP for review
- **SUBMITTED**: Your application has been submitted to ISSP for review
- **CLARIFICATION REQUESTED**: You need to make corrections to your application based on advisor remarks. You will need to ensure you re-submit your request.
- **APPROVED**: Your request is approved. **However,** our advisor will need to create your I-20/DS-2019.
- **COMPLETED:** Your I-20/DS-2019 is available to be retrieved from the documents section of your profile.

Official Website of the Department of Homeland Security

(US) 1-703-603-3400 fmjfee.sevis@ice.dhs.gov OMB 1653-0034 (Expires 07/31/2022)

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement I-901 Fee

PAY I-901 FEE CHECK I-901 STATUS

PAY I-901 SEVIS FEE

- If your SEVIS records are transferring to UVA, you will not pay the SEVIS fee again.
- All students with an initial I-20 or DS-2019 are required to pay the SEVIS fee at fmjfee.com
- You need your SEVIS number, located on your I-20 or DS-2019 to pay the SEVIS fee.

TRAVEL.STATE.GOV

HTTPS://TRAVEL.STATE.GOV/CONTENT/TRAVEL/EN/US-VISAS/STUDY/STUDENT-VISA.HTML

Appointment Wait Time

Check the estimated wait time for a nonimmigrant visa interview appointment at a U.S. Embassy or Consulate.

Note: Embassies and Consulates may have a separate process for visa cases where the in-person interview requirement is waived. In general wait times for those cases are shorter, but they are not reflected in the table below. Please check the individual Embassy or Consulate website to determine if your case is eligible for a waiver of the in-person interview.

Select a U.S. Embassy or Consulate:

Manila

Nonimmigrant Visa Type	Appointment Wait Time
Visitor Visa	360 Calendar Days
Student/Exchange Visitor Visas	25 Calendar Days
All Other Nonimmigrant Visas	34 Calendar Days

See details on appointment availability and processing times

DS-160 ONLINE NONIMMIGRANT VISA APPLICATION

U.S. DEPARTMENT of STATE
CONSULAR ELECTRONIC APPLICATION CENTER

Select Tooltip Language: ENGLISH

Online Nonimmigrant Visa Application (DS-160)

Apply For a Nonimmigrant Visa

FAQs

Tooltip Language: English [View Tool Tip Help]
Most of this application has been translated. To see the translation point your mouse over any sentence on the page.

Welcome!

The first step in applying for a U.S. nonimmigrant visa is to complete your application. It takes approximately 90 minutes to do this. After you submit your application, you can move on to the next steps such as scheduling your interview.

Important: Before You Start

1. *Learn about Types of Visas.*
2. *Use only Internet Explorer 11 or higher, Firefox, or Google Chrome 58 when completing your application. Safari and Microsoft Edge are not supported.*
3. *Gather your documents.*
4. *Review the instructions and FAQ.*

Notes:

Other people can assist you with your visa application. Note that under U.S. law (22 C.F.R. 41.103) you must electronically sign and submit your own application unless you qualify for an exemption. Even if someone else helped you complete the application, you (the applicant) must click the "Sign Application" button, or your application may not be accepted.

Please be patient as you use this form. Download times may vary depending on your internet connection speed.

Get Started

Select a location where you will be applying for this visa
PHILIPPINES, MANILA

Enter the code as shown:

This visa application will ask you to upload a digital photo of yourself.
Test Photo Photo Standard Guide

Select a location and make sure you have the documents and information you will need.
START AN APPLICATION

You will be asked for your application ID and answer a security question.
RETRIEVE AN APPLICATION

Additional Information

» **Write down the Application ID** displayed on the top right hand corner of the page. If you close your browser window, you will need your ID to access your application again.
» **Save your application frequently.** The system will time out after 20 minutes of inactivity, and you will lose all unsaved information.
» Read more about U.S. visas at travel.state.gov.
» Visit the website of the U.S. Embassy or Consulate.

TIPS ON APPLYING FOR F/J VISA

- 10 Points to Remember When Applying for a Student Visa | NAFSA
- Ties to your home country
- Do not use a 3rd party “Visa assistance” company. Not necessary and increases risks of scams.

BRING THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS

- Passport
- Photo
- DS-160 Confirmation Page
- I-20 or DS-2019
- Receipts for visa application and SEVIS Fee
- Financial Documents

VISA APPLICATION

- **Most U.S. embassies and consulates will prioritize student visas**
- **Depending on the status of COVID-19 in each region, more U.S. embassies and consulates will plan to open this summer to process student visas**
- Interview waiver program does not apply if student is seeking F/J visa through a third country
- ISO will not issue visa support letters for students or families

ARRIVING TO THE UNITED STATES

A CBP officer captures facial biometrics of a traveler at Denver International Airport.

- Bring a physical copy of your I-20 or DS-2019 with your wet signature. E-copies on your phone or tablet is not acceptable for entry to the U.S.
- Do not leave your I-20 or DS-2019 in your check-in luggage. Always carry it with you.
- Show your valid passport with your valid student visa.
- Check your entry stamp. Make sure it states your date of entry and your F-1/J-1 status

Official Website of the Department of Homeland Security

I-94 Website
Travel Records for
U.S. Visitors

U.S. Customs and
Border Protection

HOME | APPLY FOR NEW I-94 | GET MOST RECENT I-94 | VIEW TRAVEL HISTORY | VIEW COMPLIANCE | GUAM-CNMI TRAVEL INFO | FAQ

I-94

U.S. Customs and Border Protection
Securing America's Borders

Most Recent I-94

Admission (I-94) Record Number : [redacted]
Most Recent Date of Entry: 2017 June 05
Class of Admission : F1
Admit Until Date : D/S
Details provided on the I-94 Information form:

Last/Surname : [redacted]
First (Given) Name : [redacted]
Birth Date : [redacted]
Passport Number : [redacted]
Country of Issuance : China

Get Travel History

▶ Effective April 26, 2013, DHS began automating the admission process. An alien lawfully admitted or paroled into the U.S. is no longer required to be in possession of a preprinted Form I-94. A record of admission printed from the CBP website constitutes a lawful record of admission. See 8 CFR § 1.4(d).

▶ If an employer, local, state or federal agency requests admission information, present your admission (I-94) number along with any additional required documents requested by that employer or agency.

▶ Note: For security reasons, we recommend that you close your browser after you have finished retrieving your I-94 number.

OMB No. 1651-0111
Expiration Date: 08/31/2019

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ARRIVING TO THE UNITED STATES

SESSION K AIRBUS TO UVA – AUGUST 16

STUDENT COUNCIL WILL BE PROVIDING AIRBUS SERVICES FROM WASHINGTON DULLES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TO THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA ON AUGUST 16 FOR STUDENTS THAT WILL BE ATTENDING SESSION K ORIENTATION (AUGUST 16 TO 18). SESSION K ORIENTATION IS FOR NEW STUDENTS TRAVELING A GREAT DISTANCE, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS.
AIRBUS WILL ONLY RUN ON AUGUST 16

TO SIGNIFY INTEREST AND LEARN MORE ABOUT THE BUS SERVICE, PLEASE GO TO THIS QUALTRICS FORM BY **JUNE 15.** IF YOU HAVE ANY MORE QUESTIONS THAT WERE NOT ANSWERED BY THE QUALTRICS, PLEASE EMAIL: STUDCO-AIRBUS@VIRGINIA.EDU .

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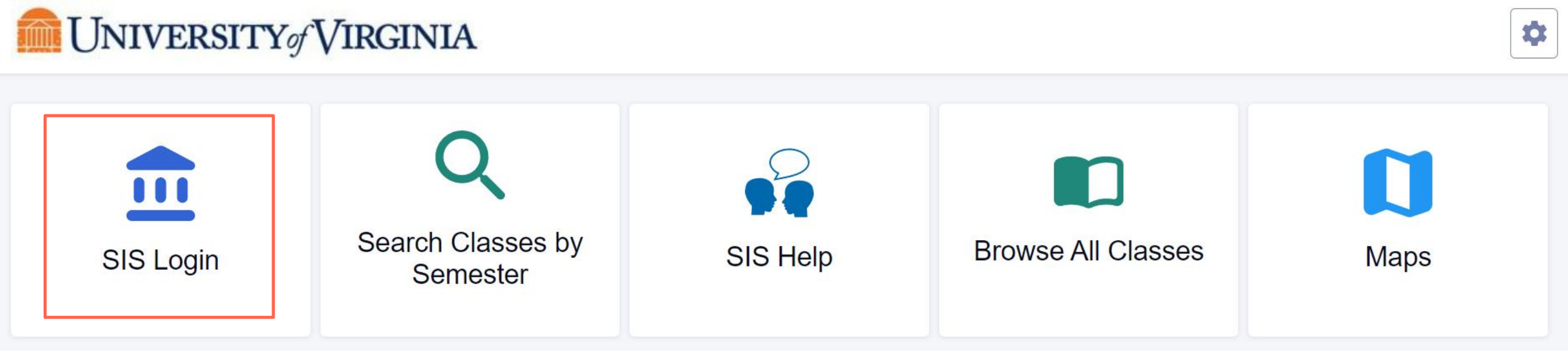
ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

Fly directly to Charlottesville Albemarle Airport	• **Located 20 minutes from UVA** • **Transportation from Charlottesville Airport** • **Uber and Lyft provide service in Charlottesville**
Fly to Dulles International Airport near Washington, D.C.	• Register for the Session K Airbus (August 16) • Take the Virginia Breeze/Megabus from Dulles International Airport to Charlottesville • Take the train (Amtrak) to Charlottesville

ISO DOES NOT ENDORSE ANY COMPANY FOR TRAVEL TO CHARLOTTESVILLE

MANDATORY: LOCAL U.S. ADDRESS

ONCE YOU HAVE SECURED YOUR LOCAL CHARLOTTESVILLE ADDRESS, PLEASE UPDATE ON UVA SIS



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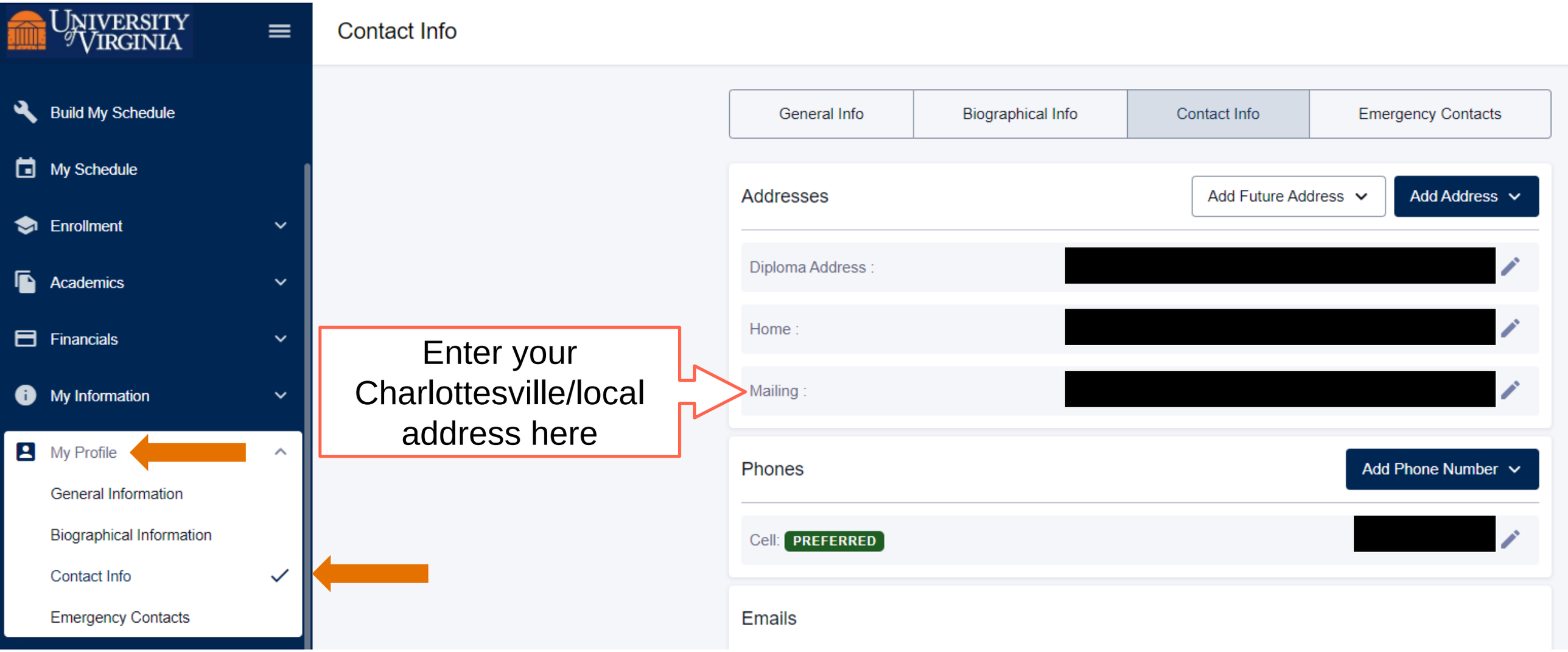
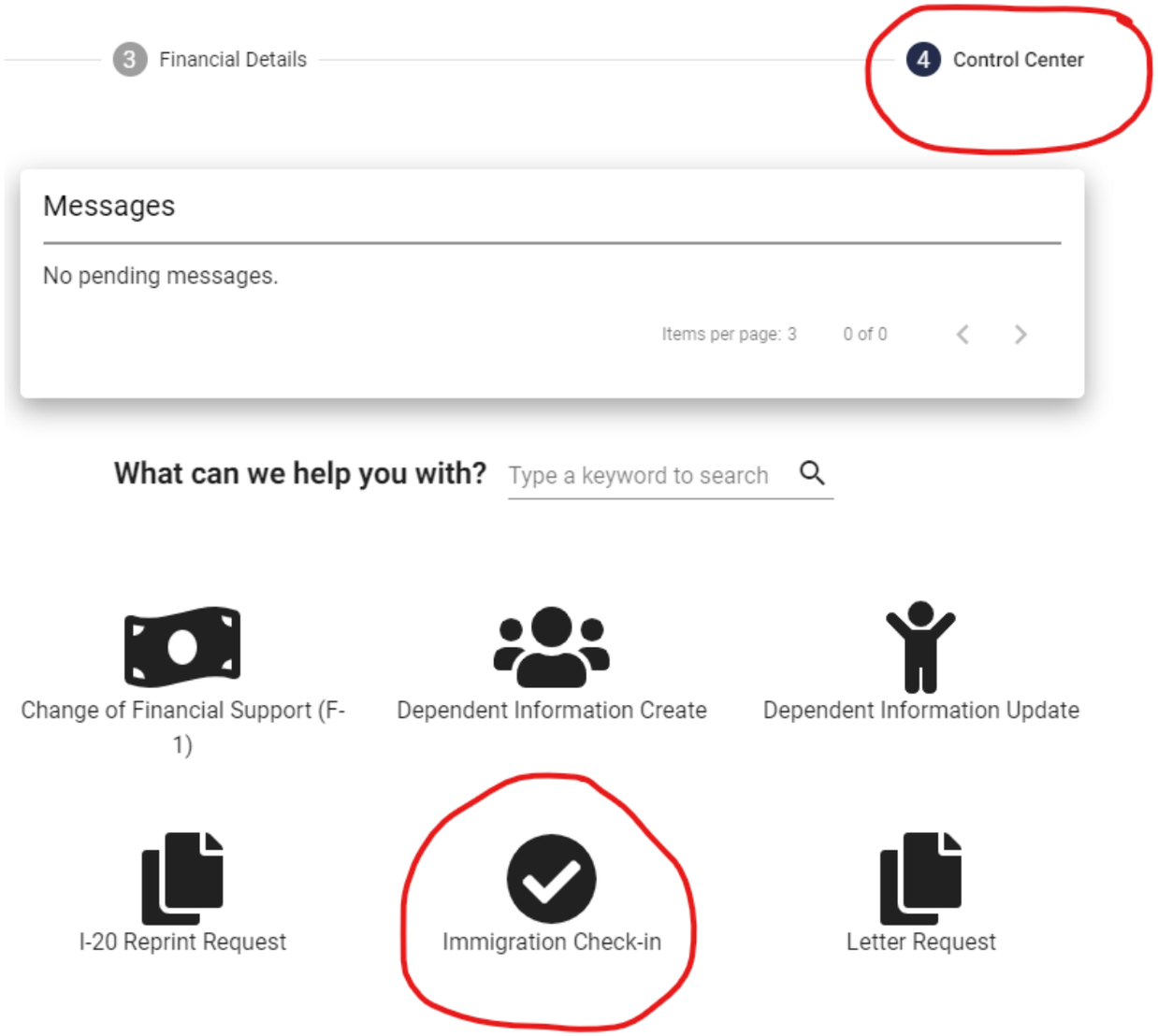


MANDATORY: IMMIGRATION CHECK-IN

AFTER YOU ARRIVE TO CHARLOTTESVILLE, LOG ONTO ISSP CONNECT AND SUBMIT "IMMIGRATION CHECK-IN".



YOU WILL NEED TO UPLOAD

- PASSPORT
- VISA STICKER (OR ENTRY STAMP, IF YOU'RE CANADIAN)
- I-94
- I-20 OR DS-2019

IMPORTANT DATES AND RESOURCES

• SUMMER ORIENTATION, August 16-18 • Move-in is august 16 • WAHOO Welcome • Academic Resources • Student Services & Activities • Safety Health & Wellness • Immunization Requirements	• Finances • F-1 Employment Rules • J-1 employment Rules • Social Security • Health insurance • Banks • Department of Motor Vehicles

FOR ALL HOUSING QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT HOUSING & RESIDENCE LIFE

- HOUSING.VIRGINIA.EDU
- HOUSING@VIRGINIA.EDU
- 434-924-3736

ORIENTATION AND GLOBAL GREETERS

THANK YOU

ANY QUESTIONS?

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