After acceptance at UGA, incoming international (non-US) Exchange Students will be invited to apply for a DS-2019, Certificate of Eligibility Exchange Visitor (J-1) Status. Within the Office of International Education, the “ISSIS” team coordinates all details regarding immigration for international exchange and degree students.

When completing the immigration process for the issuance of the Form DS-2019, exchange students will be required to upload the following to the J-1 Exchange Student “Intake”/Request form. A link to this form will be sent directly to the Exchange Student by email. Original documents are not required for this step, but will be required at all visa appointments.

Again, the OIE will alert you when it is time to complete the online request form. In the meantime, we recommend that you begin preparing the documentation needed for these steps now.

**TYPICAL DOCUMENTS REQUESTED:**

1) Copy of your valid passport ID page and / or renewal page if applicable

2) Copy of your evidence of funding ($7,500 USD/semester).
   Evidence of funding can be in the form of a letter, translated to English, from the funding agency verifying the amount and duration of the funding, or it can be a copy of a personal bank statement in your name, translated to English, and no older than two months. If the bank statement is in a parent's name, you must also include a letter from the parent confirming that he or she is giving the funds to you for your education.

For students who may already be studying at another US institution prior to attending UGA:

3) If you are currently studying in the U.S., and will not leave prior to starting your exchange program at UGA, we will also need copies of your:
   a) I-94 card, front and back

   b) any other immigration document proving your current visa status, such as an I-20 form, DS-2019 form, temporary work card, or I-797 approval notice.

   c) visa stamp in your passport, if you have received a U.S. visa.