

## YOUR NEXT STEPS

The SUU International Student & Scholar Services staff and the Office of Learning Abroad are excited to welcome you to SUU! Please read the following enclosed information carefully, and contact us at [internationalaid@suu.edu](mailto:internationalaid@suu.edu) or [gecstudent@suu.edu](mailto:gecstudent@suu.edu) if you have any questions.

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### STEP 1

#### A. Pay the SEVIS Fee and apply for a J-1 Visa

- All incoming students and exchange visitors are required to submit an I-901 fee before a visa will be issued by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS).
- Please gather materials needed for the visa interview to be presented to the U.S. Consulate:
  - Form DS-2019 (J-1 visa)
  - Letter of Admission from Southern Utah University
  - Proof of paying the SEVIS I-901 fee: [www.fmjfee.com](http://www.fmjfee.com)
    - SUU School code for SEVIS: DEN214F10106000
  - Evidence of financial ability to meet expenses
  - Evidence of English ability sufficient for course of study
  - Evidence of intent to depart the U.S. after completion of studies
  - Valid Passport
- The earliest a visa can be granted is 120 days before the reporting date listed on the DS-2019.
  - Students can enter the U.S. no earlier than 30 days before the DS-2019 program start date
- Apply as early as possible
  - Processing times vary by U.S. Consulate
  - Allow time for processing (apply as close to the 120 days mark as possible)
- The DS-2019 is a very important document, DO NOT LOSE IT!
  - It is your responsibility to renew it before it expires
  - It is your responsibility to stay in active status

#### B. MySUUPortal

- To activate your student account, log-on to: [www.suu.edu](http://www.suu.edu) and click on “My SUU Portal” link and follow the instructions.
- Your **T-Number** is your student identification number at SUU. To access your T-Number, log-on to your My SUU Portal, click on your name in the upper left hand corner, and then click on the Academic Detail tab.

#### C. Connect with SUU International Students

- Join our SUU Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/SUU-International> #globaltbirds

## STEP 2

### A. Housing

- You have several options for housing accommodations in Cedar City.
  - **UNIVERSITY HOUSING:** If you are a first time student, single, and between the ages of 18-20, then you are highly encouraged to live in University Housing. University Housing promotes a social atmosphere, making it easy to connect with other students. Making great friends is easy with 17 common recreational, leisure and study spaces, and numerous events and activities. University Housing also provides Resident Assistants that help promote a safe and secure environment, while serving as a resource to help you successfully achieve your academic goals. More information can be found at [www.suu.edu/housing](http://www.suu.edu/housing)
  - **OFF CAMPUS HOUSING:** If you are married, over the age of 21, or University Housing has reached capacity, you will need to secure housing off campus. There are several off-campus housing providers that are within walking distance to campus. We highly recommend Stadium Way Apartments and College Way Apartments. International Student Ambassadors serve as resident assistants for each of these apartment complexes. If you would like more information on these off-campus housing options, please email [ortonj@suu.edu](mailto:ortonj@suu.edu). \*Remember: lease agreements are binding contracts. This means that if you sign a lease agreement, you are responsible for all rent payments, even if you move out before the end of the contract.
  - **HOMESTAY:** Our Homestay Program gives you the opportunity to live with a local Cedar City family, share their home, traditions, daily lifestyle, and family meals, while improving your English language skills. Some of the benefits of Homestay are being exposed to real American culture, tradition, and daily activities so that your academic adjustment happens more smoothly, and of course, having a place that feels like home. More information can be found at <http://www.suu.edu/internationalaffairs/visit/homestay.html>

### B. International Student Orientation & Thunder U

- All international students are required to attend International Student Orientation and Thunder U. International Student Orientation is January 3-4. Register online at <http://suu.edu/iss/orientation.html>. SUU's Spring welcome, Thunder U, is the evening of January 7<sup>th</sup>. Plan on having fun and making memories; no registration required.

### C. How to make International Payments to SUU

- Please use peerTransfer/Flywire to make payments to SUU  
<http://suu.edu/cashier/international-payments.html>
- Payment due dates: <https://www.suu.edu/cashier/due.html>
- If peerTransfer/Flywire does not work please use wire transfer.

#### Wire Transfer Information:

Bank: Wells Fargo Bank  
Bank Address: 797 South Main Street, Cedar City, UT 84720  
Account Name: Southern Utah University  
Account Address: 351 West University Blvd, Cedar City, UT 84720  
Payee Account Number: 0440800829  
ABA#: 121-000248  
BANK ROUTING NUMBER / SWIFT CODE: 121000248 / WFBIUS6S

## STEP 3

### A. Airport Shuttle

- We want to make sure that you arrive safely and on time for International Student Orientation, Thunder U, and the start of a great semester. To help with this need, International Student & Scholar Services offers an Airport Shuttle Service for the following airports January 2:
  - Cedar City Airport
  - St. George Airport
  - Las Vegas McCarran International
- Airport Shuttle requests must be made online at least 7 days in advance of your arrival at <http://www.suu.edu/iss/shuttle.html>

### B. What to Pack

- Clothing
- Important Medicine

- Traditional clothing and other items from your country (You will have many opportunities to share your culture)
- Electric adaptor (plugs in the U.S. are 120v)
- Personal hygiene items (2-3 days worth)
- What Not to Bring:
  - Foreign fruits and/or vegetables – prohibited by Customs and Border Protection (CBP)
- What Can be Purchased in Cedar City:
  - Bedding: sheets, blankets, pillows.
  - Can also be ordered online through On Campus Marketing ([www.ocm.com](http://www.ocm.com)) and delivered to International Student & Scholar Services office or University Housing before you arrive. \*We highly encourage you to use this service.
  - Alarm clock
  - Clothing hangers
  - Text books – available at SUU Bookstore
  - Desk accessories
  - Towels
  - Personal hygiene items
- Learn about Cedar City, the climate and the activities: <http://www.cedarcity.org/>

### C. Arrival Services

- Don't forget to check in with the International Student & Scholar Services when you arrive in Cedar City – we need to update your immigration record.
  - Bring your passport, visa, I-20, U.S. address, and I-94: <https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov/I94/request.html>
- International Student & Scholar Services is here to help you get settled in to Cedar City. We can help you set up a bank account, get a mobile phone, go shopping, and postal services.

### D. Health Insurance and Medical Care

- Health Care can be very expensive in the United States. To protect students from these high costs, international students are required to maintain health insurance during their time as an SUU student.
- Your health insurance policy must meet or exceed these minimums required by Southern Utah University:

Medical benefits	\$100,000	(\$200,000 is preferred, but not required)
Max Deductible	\$500	
Medical Evacuation	\$50,000	
Repatriation	\$25,000	

- Failure to hold adequate insurance coverage will result in a hold on your account. This hold may be released by obtaining proper insurance.

### E. Immunizations

- International students are required by the U.S. government to have at least 2 doses of the MMR vaccine (Measles, Mumps, and Rubella). The MMR immunization can be administered in your home country or shortly after arriving in the U.S. \*Note: MMR immunizations administered in your home country must be done 30 days prior to your arrival at SUU. Please remember to bring an official record of the MMR immunization with you if administered in your home country.

### F. Tuberculosis Testing

#### **\*MUST BE DONE IN THE UNITED STATES\***

- International students are also required by the U.S. government to receive a Tuberculosis (TB) skin test. This test **must be administered in the United States** and will be done during the first week of classes.

### G. Campus Employment

- Students on J-1 visas are eligible to work up to 20 hours per week on-campus. After you have been admitted to SUU, you can look for an on-campus job on the SUU Employment website at <http://www.suu.edu/employment/>
- If you obtain a job offer, you are required to notify International Student & Scholar Services and complete the On-Campus Employment Authorization form. Your International Student Advisor will also assist you in obtaining a Social Security number, which is required before you can work.

For questions about your visa and/or arrival please email [internationalaid@suu.edu](mailto:internationalaid@suu.edu)

For questions about your courses, housing, and your bill please email [gecstudent@suu.edu](mailto:gecstudent@suu.edu)

Additional information will be emailed to you as the Spring 2019 semester approaches.

## **WELCOME TO THE #TBIRDNATION AND #GLOBALTIBIRDS**

<b>RECAP OF IMPORTANT DATES</b>	
Airport Shuttles from Cedar City, St. George & Las Vegas International Airport	January 2
Housing Move-In available for: On-Campus, Off-Campus & Homestay	January 2
Int'l Student Orientation	January 3 - 4
Thunder U ( <i>evening</i> )	January 7
First Day of Class	January 7