

Dear Prospective Student/Scholar:

As a prospective J-1 international student or scholar, you are required to pay a one-time fee of \$220 to the US Department of Homeland Security (DHS). **Payment must be made prior to applying for a J-1 visa at a US embassy/consulate.** (If you are not required to obtain a visa to enter the US, but you will be a J-1 student, you still need to pay this fee. An example would be Canadian citizens.)

DHS uses this fee, often called the SEVIS Fee, to cover operational costs of the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS), a component part of the Student Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP). SEVIS is a central computerized system that maintains and manages data concerning international students (F-1 status), exchange visitors (J-1 status), and their dependents (F-2 and J-2 statuses) before and during their stay in the United States.

**PAYING THE SEVIS FEE:**

There are currently two payment methods: by mail and by credit card via the Internet. We strongly encourage online payment of the SEVIS fee in order to obtain an immediate fee payment receipt. You will need the receipt when you apply for a student visa.

For credit card payment via the internet:

1. You will need a Visa, MasterCard, or American Express credit card to make payment.
2. [click here to pay the SEVIS fee](#). For questions, click on the *More Information* link.
3. Complete the online form:
  - Enter your name exactly as it appears on Form DS-2019
  - the Program Number for Purdue Northwest (Calumet) is P-1-11137
  - Choose credit card payment option
  - Submit Visa, MasterCard or American Express credit card information
  - Print an online receipt

Make a copy of the payment receipt for your personal records. Carry it with your important immigration documents.

*Take your SEVIS payment receipt with you when you apply for your J visa!*

*(J-2 dependents who will apply for a J-2 visa do not need to pay the fee, however, they should bring a copy of their spouse/parent's J-1 receipt when applying for their J-2 visa.)*

We hope to see you at Purdue University Northwest (Calumet) in the near future!

Sincerely,

Office of International Students and Scholars