

APPLYING FOR A SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER (SSN)

Currently the Social Security Administration (SSA) issues SSN for international students on F-1 or J-1 visas for employment purposes **ONLY**.

ALLOW 5 – 15 DAYS FOR YOUR SSN CARD TO BE MAILED TO YOUR HOME

Required Documents for International Students for all SSN Applications:

- Form SS-5 : available at SSA office & online at <http://www.ssa.gov/online/ss-5.pdf>
- At least TWO documents to establish your age & identity: passport, driver's license, etc
- Form I-20 (F-1 students) or DS-2019 (J-1 students)
- Form I-94 (if you never received a paper Form I-94 print your form at www.cbp.gov/i94)

Additional Requirements:

On-Campus Employment

- Letter **signed by your employer and ISSS**

You will need to submit to ISSS:

- Request for **On-Campus Employment Certification** (take to FIU Human Resources Office at [PC 224](#))
- The letter prepared and signed by your employer which ISSS will also endorse
(A sample letter is available in the ISSS office and online)

*** Allow 5-7 business days for processing of any documents from ISSS ***

Practical Training

Curricular Practical Training (CPT):

- I-20 endorsed with CPT employment authorization (Page 2 of I-20)
- Letter from employer (sample available at ISSS & online)

Optional Practical Training (OPT) or off-campus employment:

- Employment authorization document (EAD) issued by USCIS

J-1 Students

- **J-1 students** with a program sponsor other than FIU need a letter of authorization from the exchange program sponsor on letterhead.

Graduate Assistants

- New students offered graduate assistantships must check-in with ISSS BEFORE applying for an SSN, and they may apply no earlier than 10 days after arrival in the U.S.

Schedule an appointment Where to go

South Miami (MMC)
11401 W Flagler St
Miami, FL 33174
(866) 331-7129

North Miami (BBC)
16900 NW 12th Ave
Miami, FL 33169
(866) 331-2231

When to go

SSA Office is not accepting walk-ins, please call in advance to schedule an appointment at your nearest SSA Office.
MON-FRI: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

For your nearest SSA Office, please use the office locator below

Online Office Locator by Zip Code: <https://secure.ssa.gov/apps6z/FOLO/fo001.jsp>