

Social Security Number

International Students in F-1 status are only eligible to apply for a Social Security Number if they are engaged in authorized work (on campus employment or in accordance with authorized CPT or OPT).

PLEASE NOTE: STUDENTS WORKING ON CAMPUS CANNOT EXCEED 19 HOURS/WEEK WHILE SCHOOL IS IN SESSION

To apply for a Social Security Number, complete the following steps:

1. Secure an Employment Offer Letter from your prospective employer (and secure work authorization if on CPT or OPT)
2. Submit the Employment Offer Letter to the Global Engagement Office (located on the first floor of Varsi Hall).
3. The International Student & Scholars team will verify your immigration status and issue a Letter of Support, requesting that the Social Security Administration assign you a Social Security Number (please allow 5 business days for ISS processing).
4. Take your supporting documents (see below) and apply for a SSN in person at the Social Security Administration office (allow 10 business days for SSA processing)

Supporting Documents Required for SSN Application:

- Employment Offer Letter (from employer)
- Letter of Support (issued by ISS)
- Most recent I-20
- Passport
- Entry I-94 (can be downloaded online at: <https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov>)
- Completed SSN Application form: <https://www.ssa.gov/forms/ss-5.pdf>

Nearby Social Security Office Locations:

Social Security Administration	
Near Santa Clara University	Near Jesuit School of Theology
Room 244, 2nd Floor	2045 Allston Way
280 S First Street	Berkeley, CA 94704
San Jose, CA 95113	

Phone: 1-800-772-1213

Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday	9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Wednesday	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Saturday, Sunday	Closed

For more information on how to apply for a Social Security Number visit our website or visit ISS during drop-in hours to meet with an Advisor.

For more information on what is required by the Social Security Administration:

<https://www.ssa.gov/ssnumber/>

For more Social Security Administration Office Locations:

<https://secure.ssa.gov/ICON/main.jsp#officeResults>