

Petition for Reinstatement to F-1 Status by Travel (New Initial I-20)

An F-1 student who has overstayed his or her authorized period of stay or has otherwise failed to maintain F-1 student status may be reinstated to lawful F-1 status at the discretion of a USCIS [U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Service] district official or by traveling outside the USA with a new initial I-20 and obtaining a new F-1 visa.

Please consult with an International Student Advisor before considering reinstatement to student status by travel.

Obtaining an Initial I-20 from CSUEB

To obtain an I-20, please submit the following to CIE:

- a. Initial I-20 Request Form (page 2 & 3)
- b. Verification of Funds (bank statement or letter)
- c. Verification of Remaining Requirements
 - Graduate students- email verification from your major advisor
 - Undergraduate students- email verification from your major advisor and GE advisor (Sam Tran)

Procedure:

Once you have your new Initial I-20 from CIE, you must do the following

1. **SEVIS Fee**- you must pay the SEVIS fee for your new Initial I-20. The easiest way to pay is online (www.fmjfee.com).
 - a. Please print and keep a copy of your receipt.
2. **Visa Appointment**- you must schedule a visa appointment at U.S Embassy, preferably in your home country, to obtain a new F1 visa.
 - a. You will have to follow the instructions given on the embassy website regarding timing and documentation required.
 - ***Please check with your U.S. Embassy if you are required to obtain a new F-1 visa if your current F-1 visa is valid***
3. **Return Date**- You are not allowed to return to the USA until 30 days prior to the start of the program date listed on your I-20.
4. **Enrollment**- You are required to enroll as a full time student, please see [Enrollment Requirements](#) for additional information
5. **Check In with CIE**- upon your return to the USA, you must [check in](#) with CIE with 10 days.
 - ***If you do not check in with CIE, a hold will be placed on your account.***

Notes:

6. A new initial I-20 will create a new immigration record for you. This will not affect your academic record.
7. You must enroll in a full course of study for at least 2 semesters (Fall and Spring) after you return to the U.S. with a new SEVIS I-20 to be eligible to apply for a Reduced Course Load, Curricular Practical Training (CPT) or Optional Practical Training (OPT).

Initial I-20 Request Form

Please complete this form to request an Initial I-20 from CSUEB.

Student Information

Family/Last Name:	First Name:
NETID:	Email:
City of Birth:	Date of Birth:
Country of Birth:	Country of Citizenship:
U.S. Phone #:	Term which you will return for:
Home Country Address (include street number & name, city, state, postal code, country)	
US Address (include street number, street name, apartment number (if applicable), city, state, zip)	

Initial I-20 Statement of Understanding

I have read and agree to the following

- I understand that by requesting an Initial I-20, I am requesting a new immigration record. This does not affect your academic record.
- I understand that I must pay the [SEVIS fee](#) on the new Initial I-20 once received.
- I understand that I cannot enter the USA more than 30 days before the program start date on the I-20.
- I understand that I must complete at least 9 months (2 semesters) of full-time enrollment on this new SEVIS record before I am eligible for any off campus employment such as CPT or OPT.
- I understand it is my responsibility to confirm with the US Embassy if I require a new F-1 visa or not.

Check-In Upon Arrival in the U.S.

I understand that I must complete the [Check-In procedure](#) within 10 days upon arrival into the U.S. in F-1 Status.

Student Signature:	Date:
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Declaration of Finances- Initial I-20 Request

Student Information

Family/Last Name:	First Name:
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Submit Proof of Required Funds

Please review our [Tuition Cost](#) page for the specific program for which you are requesting an I-20.

- Our Tuition Cost page shows the minimum amount required.
- There are no exceptions to showing the minimum amount listed.

Source of Funds

Financial documents that demonstrate proof of funding must be in English and must:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be an official bank statement or bank letter on letterhead with a stamp/seal and/or bank officer's signature. • Include the account holder's name and have an issue date that is within the past 4 months 	
Acceptable Types of Documentation	NOT Acceptable Types of Documentation
Bank Letters	Employer Letters/Salary Statements
Bank Statements (Savings or Checking Accounts)	Line of Credit Letters
Fixed/Term/Time Deposits - must be able to be withdrawn at any time without penalty	Provident (Retirement) Fund Statements
Loan Letters	Stock Market, Equity, or Mutual Fund Statements
Scholarship Letters	Life Insurance Policy

Source of Funds	U.S. \$ Amount
My own personal account	\$
My family member(s) or friend will pay for my education. This is to certify that I (we) the undersigned agree to provide the funds required for study at CSUEB and that I (we) are submitting financial document(s) indicating the availability of funds	
Sponsor Name: _____ Sponsor Signature: _____ Relationship to Student: _____	\$
Sponsor Name: _____ Sponsor Signature: _____ Relationship to Student: _____	\$
Other (please specify)	\$

Acknowledgment and Signature

I certify that the information given on this form is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.	
Student Signature:	Date: