



International Student Post-Arrival Checklist

- Meet with the Director of Graduate Studies from your department.** You will need to meet with the DGS in order to register for classes. He or she will also give you information on your department's orientation for new graduate students.
- Get Your TCU ID Card.** You will get a photo ID from TCU if you attend the graduate student orientation. If you do not attend the orientation, you can go to the ID Center on the second floor of the Brown Lupton University Union (BLUU) to get your ID card any time up to two weeks before classes begin. You cannot get an ID card until you are registered for at least one class.
- Open a bank account.** You will need an account in the US in order to receive direct deposit of your paycheck. The closest banks to campus are Bank of America (3100 S. University Drive) and Chase Bank (3070 S. University Drive).
- Get a Driver's License or Texas ID Card.** It is recommended that you get one of these forms of identification. Here are links that will help you with the process:
 - [How to apply for a Texas Driver's License or State Identification Card](#)
 - [Checklist of items needed](#)

Take the completed application and required documents to the Driver's License office 6413 Woodway Drive, Fort Worth, TX 76133.
- Get a Social Security Card.** You will need one to get paid, so this is a priority. Here are links that will help you with the process:
 - [How to apply for a Social Security Number](#)
 - [Required documents](#)

Take the completed application and required documents to the Federal Building, Room 1-A07, 819 Taylor Street, Fort Worth, TX 76102.
- Travel to Fort Worth.** The F-1 visa allows you to enter the United States up to 30 days before the start of classes. You will need to your passport, F-1 visa and the original copy of the Form I-20 with ink signature as you enter the United States. You will be asked to present these documents at your port of entry. You should also carry a copy of the letter indicating your admission to the program and financial award.