

# Morgan State University School of Graduate Studies International Guide



## International Graduate Student Fall 2016 Welcome Packet

School of Graduate Studies

<http://www.morgan.edu/gradschool>

Mckeldin Room 310.

Phone: 443-885-3185

Monday-Friday 8:00am-5:00PM

[gradapply@morgan.edu](mailto:gradapply@morgan.edu)

# Receive Your Acceptance Letter

## CONFIRM YOUR ACCEPTANCE

**Accepted**



- ▶ You will receive your acceptance letter from the School of Graduate Studies (SGS) in the mail or you can pick it up from our office

## RECEIVE YOUR I-20

- ▶ In order to process your I-20, the following documents must be submitted to SGS:
  - **Copy of your Valid Passport and Visa** (if applicable ) for you and any Dependent(s)
  - **2016-2017 Morgan Financial Certificate** reflecting current tuition costs
  - **ORIGINAL Bank Statement** with official bank stamp or seal and signature of Bank official (must be converted to USD if coming from a foreign account) OR a Financial Guarantee from you Government or sponsoring agency with appropriate dates to cover tuition for full year
  - **Affidavit of Support** (letter from person financially supporting - not required if you have a financial Guarantee
  - Supplemental International Applicant information Sheet
  - **Transfer Eligibility Form** (For transfer students **ONLY**)

## I-20 PICK UP/DELIVERY

- ▶ Graduate Students can pick up their I-20 from the School of Graduate Studies Office located in Mckeldin Room 310.
- ▶ If someone is picking up your I-20 on your behalf you **MUST** send an email expressing consent and the person's name to [gradapply@morgan.edu](mailto:gradapply@morgan.edu) OR if you want it mailed directly to you by regular mail or via express mail (DHL, UPS). Contact SGS for more details.
- ▶ **ALWAYS** ensure that your email address and mailing address are **UPDATED** at all times and notify the School of Graduate Studies of any changes.

# PRE-ARRIVAL GUIDE TO THE U.S.A & TO MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY



## Apply For Visa To The United States

- ▶ SCHEDULE A VISA INTERVIEW APPOINTMENT
- ▶ PAY YOUR I-901 FEE FOR SEVIS (This is mandatory for new international students; <https://www.ice.gov/sevis/students>) Print the receipt for your records!
- ▶ ATTEND YOUR VISA INTERVIEW with all required documents. Required Documents are;
- ▶ An international passport valid for at least 6 months
- ▶ Form I-20 (issued by Morgan State University)
- ▶ A complete visa application form
- ▶ SEVIS I-901 payment and Visa Application Receipts
- ▶ Proof of financial support
- ▶ Other documents can be found at the US Embassy Website

Arrive within 30 days of program start date.

## Test Your User Name & Password

- ▶ For services such as Morgan email, Websis and BlackBoard, take time to configure and get familiarized with these services.
- ▶ If there is any difficulty accessing these services, contact Morgan State University's Help Desk at 443-885-4357 for assistance

Make arrangements for Airport Pick-up prior to Arrival in the United states



School of Graduate Studies  
Welcomes You To Morgan State  
University



# ARRIVAL GUIDE.



## Arrivals

AFTER RECEIVING YOUR I-20,  
THESE ARE THINGS YOU  
SHOULD KNOW

### CONTACT SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES FOR AIRPORT EMERGENCIES

- ▶ If you have **any difficulty** at customs & Border Protection while entering the country, contact the School of Graduate Studies Office so we can assist by phone;
- ▶ **Monday-Friday: 8:00AM-5:00PM**
- ▶ **Call: 443-885-3185**

### MANDATORY CHECK-IN (2)

After checking in with the School of Graduate Studies, you **MUST** take the following documents to the office of International Student Services;

- ❑ Your Signed I-20
- ❑ Passport & F1 Visa
- ❑ I-94. <https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov/I94/consent.html>
- ❑ I-901 Fee Payment Receipt.
- ❑ <https://fmjfee.com/i901fee/desktop/checkstatus/loadSearchPage.do>

### MANDATORY CHECK-IN (1)

- Upon Arrival to Campus, you **MUST CHECK IN FIRST** with the School of Graduate Studies
- You **MUST** sign an undertaking to **maintain FULL TIME status** which entails being enrolled each semester for a **minimum of NINE CREDITS** or more depending on individual program. **NO EXCEPTIONS**



# Scheduling Classes

Classes Starts August  
22<sup>nd</sup> 2016

- ▶ Websis is the Student Portal for your registration need. You will need your pre-assigned username and password for access on [www.morgan.edu](http://www.morgan.edu).
- ▶ STUDENTS **CANNOT** REGISTER FOR CLASSES UNTIL THEY ARE PHYSICALLY ON MORGAN'S CAMPUS AND CHECK-IN WITH THE SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES AND OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS. **NO EXCEPTIONS**
- ▶ Deadline for Fall Semester is September 2<sup>nd</sup> .

## **REMEMBER:**

Last day to ADD course is September 2<sup>nd</sup> 2016.

To start using your Morgan  
Network account, proceed  
to the link below:

[www.morgan.edu/newstudent  
t411](http://www.morgan.edu/newstudent411)

## Paying Tuition & Fees

Office of the Bursar

<http://www.morgan.edu/bursar>

Payments Plans Are Available.

If you have a Financial Guarantee,  
you **must** present it to the School of  
Graduate Studies Office

## Government Sponsored Students

FINANCIAL GUARANTEES and other  
GOVERNMENT WAIVERS **MUST** BE PRESENTED  
TO THE SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES **UPON**  
CHECK-IN

# Housing & Accommodation



## ▶ ON CAMPUS HOUSING FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS;

Morgan View Apartments is the closest off-campus housing. Information about Morgan View- <http://morganview.com>

### HEALTH INSURANCE

**GRADUATE STUDENTS** are eligible to enroll in the insurance plan, **however**, this is a voluntary process. To enroll in health insurance, visit:

<http://www.morganstudentinsurance.com/voluntary-coverage.html>

### CHILD CARE & SCHOOLS

If you are bringing your family, you can find more information about local schools and childcare at the link below:

<http://www.morgan.edu//Documents/ADMINISTRATION/OFFICES/ResLife/Child%20Care%20and%20Schools.pdf>

### CAMPUS RESOURCES

There are resources on campus for the following;

- Bookstore
- Library
- PNC Bank - Located in the Student Center, provides access to a bank account for all students including international students.
- Restaurants
- Sports Facilities
- Chapel
- Gym
- Police and Public Safety Department
- University Health Center