

International Admittees

In the past, all U.S. schools and institutions authorized by the U.S. government to host international students, scholars and visiting faculty on F, J, or M visas have to comply with the federal regulations concerning the collecting and reporting of certain international student and scholar data. Passage of immigration reform legislation by the U.S. Congress in 1996 created mandate for an electronic data system to monitor international students and scholars and their dependents in the U.S. Subsequent legislation in 2001 finally funded this system, now called the Student & Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS). SEVIS was implemented in 2003, and serves as a mechanism for data transmission between the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the U.S. Department of State, and institutions hosting international students and scholars by using web-based, real-time interactive database. In addition to data transmission, the system also generates the forms to allow internationals to apply for visas in their home countries – the I-20 form for F-1 students, and the DS-2019 form exchange visitors on J-1 visas.

Once you have determined that you will be attending TMSL, you will need to follow the steps below:

- (1) contact Carolyn Gardner in the Office of Admissions to confirm your intention to matriculate at (713) 313-7114 or at cgardner@tsulaw.edu.
- (2) contact Yvonne Valentine in the Office of International Students Affairs at (713) 313-7896 or at valentine_yd@tsu.edu to obtain information necessary for you to attend our university. You may also go to <http://em.tsu.edu/internationalstudents/index.php>.
- (3) go to the Financial Aid link to gain pertinent information about possible scholarship and other funding opportunities. <http://www.tsu.edu/academics/law/admissions/financial/international.asp>.