Travel Guidelines Overview

F-1 students are permitted to travel outside of the United States (US) to another country, if eligible and if they intend to return to continue to study in the next available semester. Students must notify their Designated School Official (DSO) of their intention to travel outside the US **no less than 5 days prior to travel** to obtain the required travel endorsement (signature) on page two of their I-20.

- **Students are responsible for checking Travel Advisories and to see if there are any COVID-19 International Travel Advisories when traveling at all times.**

The I-20 with a DSO travel signature and other required documents must be presented at the port-of-entry to be allowed re-entry into the US. Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) officers determine your eligibility to enter the country. Students are encouraged to have a back-up plan in case they are required to remain abroad, self-isolate or quarantine.

DSO TRAVEL ENDORSEMENT: Also called "DSO travel signature" is the DSO's signature on page two of the I-20, which confirms you (***and any F-2 dependents***) are eligible to return to the US to study and allows you to re-enter the US for study.

TRAVEL SIGNATURE VALIDITY: Travel signatures are valid 12 months from the DSO travel signature date. If you are on **OPT**, then your travel signature **is valid for 6 months only**. Once expired, students must request a new travel signature.

TRAVELING WITHIN THE US: Special permission is **not** required to travel within the US. However, it is recommended to travel always with your passport, I-94, and I-20 whenever you travel within the US.

DOCUMENTS NEEDED FOR TRAVEL **Optional Documents: Evidence of financial resources, official academic transcript, and DSO contact information.*	
STUDENT TYPE	**REQUIRED DOCUMENTS TO PRESENT AT PORT OF ENTRY**
Current F-1 Student – Traveling Outside the US	• Recent I-20 with travel signature **less than 1 year old** • Valid Passport (that will not expire for at least 6 months) • Valid Visa (except citizens of Canada and Bermuda)
F-2: Dependent of Current f-1 Student – Traveling Outside of the US	• Recent I-20 with travel signature **less than 1 year old** • Valid Passport (that will not expire for at least 6 months) • Valid Visa (except Canadian citizens)
Current F-1 Student on OPT – Traveling Outside the US	• Recent I-20 with travel signature **less than 6 months old** • Valid Passport (that will not expire for at least 6 months) • Valid Visa (except for Canadian citizens) • Valid Employment Authorization Document (EAD) card • Employer offer letter start date, or other evidence of employment
Current F-1 Student on STEM OPT Extension or Pending Application for STEM OPT Extension ****Pending STEM: Carry USCIS I-797 Receipt to verify application is pending***	• Recent I-20 with OPT recommendation and travel signature **less than 6 months old** • Valid Passport (that will not expire for at least 6 months) • Valid Visa (except Canadian citizens) • Valid Employment Authorization Document (EAD) card • Employer offer letter start date, or other evidence of employment
F-2: Dependent of Current F-1 Student on OPT/STEM– Traveling Outside of the US	• Recent I-20 with travel signature **less than 1 year old** • Valid Passport (that will not expire for at least 6 months) • Valid Visa (except Canadian citizens) • Recommend copy of F-1's I-20 with OPT recommendation or EAD card

TRAVEL SIGNATURE REQUEST

Please complete the fields below to request a travel endorsement/signature after reviewing the Travel Signature Request Guidelines on page one, and provide additional items, as indicated. Incomplete requests will delay processing.

SEVIS ID: _____ Student ID: _____

Surname/Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Suffix: _____

Passport Name (as listed on passport): _____ Birth Date: (MM/DD/YYY):_____

Check One: ☐ Male ☐ Female ☐ Other Number of F-2 dependents traveling (if no one enter "N/A"): _____

US Departure Date (MM/DD/YYY): _____ US Return Date (MM/DD/YYYY): _____

Please attached the following (required):

- A copy of travel confirmation (e.g., ticket, receipt, itinerary) for you and any dependents traveling with you.

I-20 DELIVERY OPTIONS: ALL I-20s are signed electronically and emailed to students via their Florida Poly Student Email Accounts. If you prefer another method of delivery, please notify your DSO when you submit this travel signature request form via e-mail.

STUDENT CERTIFICATION

My signature below certifies that all information provided by me on this form is accurate, that I understand the guidelines and requirements for traveling outside and within the US with a valid visa, and that I am attaching travel confirmation(s) for me and any dependents that are traveling with me (if applicable).

If my visa expires prior to my return, I have reviewed the regulations for obtaining a new visa and will complete the require process steps for renewal.

I have also reviewed the travel advisory website and identified any travel bans, restrictions, or requirements for travel and returning to the US.

I agree to the conditions for obtaining a travel signature and understand that my I-20 will not be endorsed if all conditions are not met.

I understand I am responsible for notifying my DSO of any changes within 10 days, such as travel date changes and if I do not intend to return to continue studying the US.

I understand that failure to comply may adversely affect my F-1 status.

I understand that I am required to provide an updated printout of my *I-94 Arrival/Departure Record* to my DSO upon my return to the US.

Student Signature & Date: _____