I have my DS-2019. What do I need to do now?

1. Go to http://www.fmjfee.com and pay the SEVIS/I-901. Be sure to print out the receipt at the end of the transaction.

2. Go to http://usembassy.gov to make your visa appointment. Check the embassy site for specific requirements. (other fees may apply). Canadian Citizens: You do not need to apply for a visa (present your SEVIS fee receipt along with your DS2019 and valid passport to the port of entry official).

Visa applications submitted to US embassies other than in your home country may not be accepted. Contact the US embassies directly for more information.

What should I bring to my visa appointment?

- signed DS-2019
- valid passport
- Umass Amherst admission letter
- financial support (i.e. bank statement or an assistantship offer letter)
- proof that you have close ties to your country (ownership of properties, businesses, etc)
- SEVIS fee receipt

Once you have obtained your J visa, your DS-2019 and/or financial documents may be placed in a sealed envelope to be opened only by the immigration officials at the U.S. port of entry.

An Immigration officer at the port of entry (Immigration at airports) will review all documents and an entry stamp will be placed in your passport and DS-2019. Make sure that your entry stamp indicates that you are on a J1 visa.

You are allowed to enter the U.S. up to 30 days prior to the start date on your DS-2019.

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