New I-20 Format Effective June 26, 2015
The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) released a revised I-20 immigration form for all current and new international F-1 students and their F-2 dependents in June 2015. The IPO is currently converting F-1 and F-2 dependents’ I-20 forms at the time of travel signature request, with the goal of meeting DHS’s mandate of all students being converted to the new I-20 format by July 1, 2016. If you have already received the new edition of I-20 form, please remember to retain all previous I-20 forms for your immigration records and for future applications and benefits (including OPT, etc.). Additional information can be found at the “Study in the States” website (U.S. government site).

Amended DS-2019 Format Effective December, 2015
The U.S. State Department recently made a slight revision to the DS-2019 form for all students and scholars in J-1 status and their J-2 dependents. The previous barcode on the right-hand side of the DS-2019 form is no longer present on the new version. Until further notice, all current J-1 and J-2 visa holders will not need to convert their DS-2019 forms to the new format. However, if you have already received the new edition of DS-2019 form, please remember to retain all previous DS-2019 forms for your immigration records and for future applications and benefits.