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Dear Shekhar Chauhan

We wish to extend you a warm welcome to the University of South Alabama on behalf of the Office of Immigration! We are pleased to learn that you have been admitted for the **Fall 2023** semester as an F-1 student. Our office is responsible for advising on immigration issues related to your F status and keeping accurate records in the U.S. Government database system called SEVIS.

Please find and review the following enclosed materials:

- **Form I-20:** Please review the entire I-20 to ensure that all information is accurate. Verify that the program dates are correct (box 3) and that the name indicated in box 1 is the same as it appears on your passport. If all of the information is accurate, please print, sign, and date the student certification under student attestation at the bottom of the document. **If any of the information appears incorrect or if you will be unable to arrive by the start date on the I-20 form, please contact our office immediately.**
- **SEVIS Fee Payment Information:** Please see the **Obtaining an F-1 Visa** information sheet included in this packet and visit <https://www.fmjfee.com/i901fee/>.
- **Pre-Arrival Information:** Please see the **Pre-Arrival Guide for USA F-1 Students** brochure included in this packet for information on hotels, airports, immigration, immunization, health, and more.
- **Tuberculosis Screening and Immunization Form:** Please submit this form to immunizations@southalabama.edu **before** you leave your home country. If not, please bring this with you on arrival day. This form must be submitted before you can register for classes. Please have your home country doctor complete this form. Two doses of the Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR) immunization, as well as a tuberculosis skin test, are required to enroll. The tuberculosis skin test cannot be more than 6 months old. We strongly encourage you to have all immunizations **before** you leave your home country. If USA Student Health is not satisfied with any part of this form, you will be required to complete any immunizations or tests before registering for courses. All immunizations and tests must be paid in full at time of service.
- **I-94 Automation Information:** The U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) will enter your arrival information in their system upon entry into the U.S. After 24 hours of arrival, the I-94 Arrival Page will be ready to print. Please see the included information sheet for instructions on how to print your I-94. Please bring this I-94 Arrival Page with you to check in.

OBTAINING YOUR F-1 VISA

- Your F-1 SEVIS Number is **N0034060335** and the University of South Alabama's SEVIS School Code is **ATL214F00432000**. This information is needed to pay the SEVIS I-901 fee (required for all F-1s) and to set up your visa appointment.
- You will need to present your SEVIS I-901 fee receipt, I-20, passport, and financial documentation to the Consulate at the U.S. Embassy, as well as to the U.S. Customs and Border Protection officer upon entry to the United States. Enclosed with this letter are the instructions and website information on the visa application process.

CHECK-IN AND ORIENTATION

Your Jag ID # is J00742607.

- You may enter the U.S. 30 days prior to the start date listed on your I-20. If you will not arrive by the start date listed or need to defer your admission, please email internationaladmissions@southalabama.edu and immigration@southalabama.edu so that your I-20 can be corrected.
- **Mandatory check-in and orientation will be on August 17, 2023, beginning at 8:00 a.m. When making your travel arrangements, please make sure you arrive by this date.** You will not be allowed to register for class without attending. Please bring the following documents with you to check in: I-20, passport, visa, I-94 arrival page <https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov/i94/#/home#section> and completed Tuberculosis Screening and Immunization form.

We strongly encourage you as an F-1 student to utilize the Office of Immigration as a resource to help you maintain immigration status throughout the duration of your program. However, please note that maintaining immigration status is ultimately your responsibility.

If you have any questions or anything appears to be missing, please contact immigration@southalabama.edu or at 251-460-6050. Safe travels to Mobile and we look forward to meeting you!

Sincerely,



Denise Robb

Director of Immigration/PDSO/RO