Once you receive admission, follow these steps to NIF and obtain your visa.

**The Arrival Process**

1. **Submit Statement of Intent to Register**
   - Access & complete the above steps at [calcentral.berkeley.edu](http://calcentral.berkeley.edu)
   - *Except EAP & readmitted students.*

2. **BIO reviews your NIF**
   - Incomplete NIFs: BIO will email you. This may delay processing
   - Congratulations! Your NIF is complete

3. **BIO mails your I-20 or DS 2019**
   - Log into NIF to obtain SEVIS ID number
   - Pay SEVIS fee using SEVIS ID number*
   - Check out BIO’s pre-arrival resources

4. **Make Visa appointment**
   - Receive I-20 or DS 2019
   - Apply for & obtain Visa
   - Make arrival plans (no earlier than 30 days prior to I-20 or DS 2019 start date)

5. **Enter US with proper documents**
   - Complete online arrival confirmation
   - Be sure you are registered (enrolled & tuition/fees paid)
   - Welcome to Call Attend orientation

**Approximate Processing Times**

- Please note: It may take 24-48 hours from SIR to gain access.
  - **1-5 days**
- Processing time: 10-15 business days from when BIO receives your complete NIF
  - If you have questions email NIF@berkeley.edu
  - **10-15 business days**
- Mailing time: 3-5 day for express mail, 1-4+ weeks for USPS airmail
  - *Pay SEVIS fee at least 3 days prior to visa appointment
  - **1-4+ weeks**
- Consult your US Embassy/Consulate for visa processing times as they vary
  - *This may not apply to Canadian citizens or SEVIS transfer students
  - **1-3 months (average)**

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