

Application Requirements and Process

Social Security Number (SSN) or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN)

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Visa Status	Original Documents required when applying for Social Security Number or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number	Identification Number Needed	Application Process
Permanent Resident	Green Card OR I-551 Stamp on Passport	Social Security Number	Social Security Number process: 1. Take the documents indicated in Column 2 and apply at the local Social Security Office found at the link below. https://secure.ssa.gov/apps6z/FOLO/fo001.jsp .
Permanent Resident Applicant	A valid (not expired) Employment Authorization Document (EAD) and I-797 Notice of Action showing receipt of application to adjust status.	Social Security Number	
F-1 Student (NOT in appointment as Post Doctoral Fellow* or Trainee, Graduate Intern/Trainee, Fellow, Scholar, Trainee or Advanced Opportunity Fellow) * does not mean Research Associates	Letter from International Student Services Office signed by a Designated School Official confirming student status and eligibility to be employed. Passport, Visa, I-94 Departure Record and I-20 Form , *If student is on "Optional" Practical Training, also attach a valid EAD indicating "Practical Training".	Social Security Number	Social Security Number process: 1. You must have completed enrollment as a full-time student. 2. Make application in person at the International Student Services Office (ISS) for your letter from a Designated School Official. To obtain this letter you must present your letter from your department on University letterhead confirming your appointment. 3. Receive the ISS office letter indicating you are a full-time student and eligible to be employed. 4. Take the items indicated in column 2 to the local social security office found at the link below. https://secure.ssa.gov/apps6z/FOLO/fo001.jsp . 5. A few weeks after your application, you will receive your Social Security Card in the mail. You must inform UW Payroll of this number by logging into your GLACIER online tax compliance system account and adding it to your record. You will be directed to print a new GLACIER Tax Summary Report and any tax treaty forms, if eligible. All forms must be signed and delivered to your Campus HR office or address identified in the "Select your Institution" drop-down menu located at the link below. https://uwservice.wisconsin.edu/help/payroll#foreign

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F or J visa holders (In appointment as Post-Doctoral Fellow* or Trainee; Graduate Intern/Trainee, Fellow, Scholar, Trainee or Advanced Opportunity Fellow) * does not mean Research Associates	Passport, Visa, I-94 Departure Record, I-20 or DS-2019 Form and Letter of Offer: *If student is on "Optional" Practical Training, also attach a valid EAD indicating "Practical Training"	Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) required for these appointment titles (unless you have a social security number): Post Doctoral Fellow* Post Doctoral Trainee Graduate Intern/Trainee Fellow Scholar Trainee Advanced Opportunity Fellow	ITIN process: 1. If you will receive a scholarship, fellowship or travel reimbursement through UW Payroll or Accounts Payable and are not eligible for a Social Security Number, apply for an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) at your local IRS office as soon as possible. More information is available in the 'How to apply for the Individual Taxpayer Identification Number can be found at the following webpage: https://www.irs.gov/individuals/how-do-i-apply-for-an-itin 2. Once you receive your ITIN, enter it into your UW-Issued Glacier account and provide it to your Accounts Payable office as soon as possible.
J-1 Student	Letter from your sponsor authorizing employment Passport, Visa, I-94 Departure Record and DS-2019	Social Security Number	Social Security Number process: 1. Take the items indicated in column 2 to the local social security office found at the link below. https://secure.ssa.gov/apps6z/FOLO/fo001.jsp . 2. A few weeks after your application, you will receive your Social Security Card in the mail. You must inform UW Payroll of this number by logging into your GLACIER online tax compliance system account and adding it to your record. You will be directed to print a new GLACIER Tax Summary Report and any tax treaty forms, if eligible. All forms must be signed and delivered to your Campus HR office or address identified in the "Select your Institution" drop-down menu located at the link below. https://uwservice.wisconsin.edu/help/payroll#foreign
J-1 Professor or Researcher (Non-Student category)	Offer Letter from your employing department Passport, Visa, I-94 Departure Record and DS-2019	Social Security Number	
J-2 Spouse	Passport, Visa, I-94 Departure Record and a valid (unexpired) EAD	Social Security Number	
H-1B/O-1 Distinguished Worker -or- E3 Australian Treaty Worker	Offer Letter from your employing department Passport, Visa, I-94 Departure Record and I-797, INS Notice of Action (for H-1B and O-1 only)	Social Security Number	
TN 'North American' Professional	I-94 Departure Record and Picture Page of Passport	Social Security Number	

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