

Have you traveled outside of the US and forgot to get a travel signature?

STEP ONE

Check Your Documents

Review your I-20 or DS-2019. The travel signature on page 3 of your most recent I-20 or on the right lower side of your DS-2019 is valid for 12 months. You may still have a valid signature. If you do not, continue to Step Two. (For students on **post-completion Optional Practical Training**, the travel signature is only valid for six months.)

STEP TWO

Action to take if you do NOT have a Valid Travel Signature and are returning to the U.S. **BEFORE** January 3rd, 2016.

If you must re-enter the U.S. before January 3rd 2016 respectfully request that the officer at the port of entry allow you to enter with **Form I-515A***. This gives you a thirty-day admission as an F-1 or J-1 student, and requires you to report to OISS within that timeframe to secure the required travel signature. To qualify for the I-515A form, you must have a valid passport, valid F-1 or J-1 visa, and your I-20 or DS-2019 (the officer may allow you to enter without your I-20 or DS-2019 at his/her discretion).

*For more information on I-515A please visit the following website:

<http://studyinthestates.dhs.gov/515a>

Action to take if you are returning to the U.S. **AFTER** January 10th, 2016.

- Request a travel I-20 or DS-2019 be issued to you by emailing internationaloffice@sandiego.edu
- Be sure to attach a scan of your passport photo page & F-1/J-1 visa page, and a scan of your EAD card if you are currently on post-completion OPT.
- Order a shipping label through eshipglobal, for instructions please click: <http://catcher.sandiego.edu/items/intserv/EShipGlobal.pdf>
- Please submit requests after January 3rd when we reopen. We will inquire about the cost of courier shipping and let you know of the approximate amount. **Students requesting for a travel I-20 or DS-2019 are responsible for assuming the costs of overseas mailing.** If you agree to the amount quoted, we will proceed to mail out your document and charge your student account.