

Are you outside of the US and forgot to get an updated travel signature?

First, Check Your Documents...

Review your I-20 or DS-2019 closely, as you may still have a valid signature. The travel signature is valid for **12 months**. (For students on **post-completion Optional Practical Training (OPT)**, the travel signature is only valid for **six months**).

If you do NOT have a valid travel signature, and you are returning to the U.S.:

BEFORE January 11th, 2019	AFTER January 11th, 2019
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kindly explain your situation to the officer at the port of entry.• The officer may issue you a Form I-515A upon your entry. This form allows you to be admitted as an F-1 or J-1 student for 30 days, and requires you to report to OISS immediately so we can assist with the next steps in the process.• The I-515A has no negative implications on your immigration record, but it is <u>crucial</u> that you inform us right away, as you are only given a short timeline to take the necessary action.• For more information on I-515A please visit the following website: http://studyinthestates.dhs.gov/515a	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Request a new I-20/DS-2019 to be issued to you.• You can request for a new I-20 by submitting the I-20 Request e-form in <u>iTorero</u> (under F-1 Student Services).• At the same time, request a shipping label for expedited shipping the EShipGlobal (also in <u>iTorero</u> F-1 Student Services) so that your I-20 can be mailed to you before your scheduled return.• All requests will be processed in the order they were received when our office reopens on January 2nd.• <u>To ensure processing in a timely manner, please submit BOTH requests as soon as possible.</u>• In the event that your I-20 does not reach you in time for your scheduled return, please refer to the Form I-515A information to the left.