Visa Information for Non-U.S. Citizen Students
Planning to Study at SAIS in Washington, DC

Office of International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS) at SAIS in Washington, DC ensures that appropriate immigration documents are issued to allow students to enter the United States in either F-1 or J-1 student status.

F-1 immigration status is primarily used for students who are enrolled in a degree granting program or non-degree programs at a school authorized by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services to bring in students in F-1 classification. The J-1 immigration status applies to exchange visitor (students) and those students who are funded for their studies entirely or partially either by the U.S. or foreign government or any types of institutional funding.

ISSS is responsible for university compliance with the federal regulations governing international students who hold F-1 and J-1 status. ISSS works with the Admission Office and Office of Student Affairs to ensure a smooth arrival for the international students.

Visa Packet
The email you received from SAIS should have included the following documents:

1. Visa Information for Non-U.S. Citizens (this information sheet)
2. SAIS F-1/J-1 Request Form for International Students—this form must be completed electronically and submitted to ISSS via IHopkins E-Form before you can apply for your visa
3. Applying for an F-1 or J-1 Visa
4. Proving Nonimmigrant Intent

Visas
Citizens of all countries except Canada, Bermuda, the Bahamas and adjacent islands are required to have the appropriate visa stamps in their passports if they are to enter the U.S. in student status. In order for you to apply for a visa you will need either Form I-20 (for F-1 visa applicants) or Form DS-2019 (for J-1 visa applicants), issued by the International Student and Scholar (ISSS) Office at SAIS, Washington, DC. ISSS will verify the documents whether the F-1 or J-1 status would be applicable to a particular student based on the source of funding that will be used toward completion of the program of study in Washington, DC and based on various other aspects of the student’s application (family status, etc.).
ESTIMATED STUDENT BUDGET, 2013 – 2014 (DEGREE SEEKING STUDENT)

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NOTE: An additional $600 per month is needed for the spouse and $300 per each child. The budget includes a $2,050 mandatory health insurance fee. This fee can be waived if you can prove coverage by major medical insurance valid in the United States once you arrive at JHU-SAIS.

Financial Documentation

The above figures are calculated by the Office of Financial Aid and represent an estimate of expenses a student will incur during the year of study at SAIS in Washington, DC. ISSS Office is legally required to verify that you have sufficient financial means to sustain yourself during your studies in the U.S. prior to issuing Form I-20 or Form DS-2019. Please complete the SAIS F-1/J-1 Request E-Form for International Students electronically via IHopkins and scan and upload the appropriate financial documentation. Make sure to keep original of all original financial documentation as you will have to present them at the U.S. consulate. For official SAIS award letters, only a photocopy need be submitted.

All financial documents must be originals; scan them and upload in IHopkins during completing an E-Form. You need to list all financial support you have available to meet the total estimated budget of $62,556. Please list all grants, scholarships, personal and or family funds, loans, etc.

List of acceptable documents to be uploaded with the SAIS F-1/J-1 Request E-Form for International Students:
1. Original award letters for all non-SAIS fellowships.
2. A photocopy of the letter for financial aid awarded by SAIS.
3. Students using their personal savings need to submit their most recent bank statement from their bank account showing that sufficient funds are available.
4. Students with financial support from family members must submit the following two documents:
   a. Statement of support from the sponsoring family member confirming that she/he is willing to support the student during her/his studies at SAIS and
   b. A bank statement from the sponsor’s account showing that sufficient funds are available.

Note: The budget includes a $2,050 mandatory health insurance fee. This fee can be waived if you can prove coverage by major medical insurance valid in the United States once you arrive at SAIS. Check this link [http://www.sais-jhu.edu/students/student-life/healthcare/waiver.htm](http://www.sais-jhu.edu/students/student-life/healthcare/waiver.htm)