



International Student & Scholar Services

Social Security Information

A Social Security Number (SSN) is a U.S. government issued identification number that is required for all individuals who are employed in the United States. International students and scholars must have a job offer in order to apply for a Social Security number. Please be advised that any type of employment must be approved by the International Office before a foreign passport holder on a student visa may begin working.

You must bring the following documents with you when you visit the Social Security Office to apply for a Social Security number:

- Completed Social Security number application
- Letter of employment
- Letter from the SMU International office
- Your passport
- Your visa
- Your I-94 card
- Your Form I-20 or Form DS2019

Directions to the Dallas Social Security Office:

Drive north on Central Expressway (I-75)

Exit Walnut Hill

Stay on the access road through Walnut Hill and Meadow

The office is on the right-hand side, just north of the Service King Collision Center

Address: 10824 N. Central Expy, Dallas, TX 75231

Hours: Monday - Friday, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm (except federal holidays)

Telephone: 1-800-772-1213

The Social Security number application (and more information) is available on the Social Security website <http://www.ssa.gov/ssnumber/>

* When you have received a SSN, you will need to bring your original SSN card to the Enrollment Services help desk located on the first floor of Blanton. Please make sure to ask for Jean Porter. She will enter the number for you in access.smu.