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Office of the International Student & Immigration Services

Dear Future Bison,

We're excited to share some good news: after a 3 week pause, US Embassies and Consulates around the world are beginning to reopen F-1 visa interview appointments!

If you have already received your I-20 from our office, please begin checking your local US Embassy or Consulate website regularly. If appointments are not yet available, they are expected to open soon.

Important Update: New Social Media Screening Requirement

The U.S. Department of State has introduced a new social media vetting process.

When completing your visa application, you must list all social media accounts and ensure that your profiles are public.

Failure to disclose all accounts may result in delays or even a denial of your visa.

- [Read the official announcement from the U.S. Department of State](#)
- [Learn more about what this vetting process may involve](#)

What You Should Do Now:

- Book your visa appointment as soon as possible. Summer is the busiest season for visa processing, and these new procedures may cause additional delays.
- If you haven't received your I-20, please submit your required documents to us as soon as possible. ([Instructions are here](#))
- If you are unable to secure a visa appointment in time to realistically arrive by August 22, please contact our office immediately to discuss your options.

We look forward to welcoming you to campus soon!

Best,

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