**International Applicant Fact Sheet**
For Students Applying From Overseas

**STEP 1**
**APPLY TO COGSWELL COLLEGE**
After completing the application process and being accepted by Cogswell, the College is authorized to issue you an I-20 document. To issue the I-20, Cogswell will need **proof of financial support** to cover your education and living expenses for one year (bank statements, affidavits of support). This is an official document that confirms you are eligible to study at Cogswell College.

**STEP 2**
**APPLY FOR YOUR F-1 VISA**
https://ceac.state.gov/genniv
Nonimmigrant Visa Application: Form DS-160
Check with your local consulate for its specific requirements

- Pay the SEVIS fee (Student and Exchange Visitor Information Service). This may be paid online at the SEVIS Fee Payment information page (http://www.fmfee.com/).
- Make an appointment at the U.S. Embassy (http://www.usembassy.gov/) or Consulate for an interview. Many branches now use an online booking system.
- At the interview, you will be asked to show your relevant papers. Interview requirements may vary based on country
  - Completed Form DS-160, nonimmigrant Visa Application
  - Proof of SEVIS fee payment
  - A passport valid for travel to the U.S. and with a validity date at least six months beyond your intended period of stay
  - Two photographs (2”x2” or 37x37mm), showing full face, without head covering, against a light background
  - The letter of admissions from the school you plan to study at
  - Signed form I-20 issued by Cogswell College
  - Proof of financial support to cover your education and living expenses for one year (bank statements, affidavits of support, scholarship award letters, etc.)
  - You will be asked about your educational plans and your plans for returning to your home country. Visit the U.S. Department of State’s website (http://travel.state.gov/visa/temp/types/types_1268.html) for more information about the visa interview.

**STEP 3**
**TRAVEL TO THE U.S.**
After you receive your F-1 visa you should make travel arrangements.
You may enter the U.S. no more than 30 days prior to the reporting date listed under #5 on your I-20.

**STEP 4**
**CHECK IN AT COGSWELL COLLEGE**
- Check in at the International Student Services Office at Cogswell. Bring your I-20, passport and Student Visa.
- The office will provide you with more information about orientation session, placement testing and your responsibilities as an F-1 international student.
- Meet with a counselor to review your test results and to register for your classes.
- Students applying from a foreign country must pay their 1st semester fee at time of acceptance.

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