



## International Student Pre-Arrival Checklist

- Set up a TCU e-mail account.** Faculty, staff and students can create accounts at <http://my.tcu.edu>. Click the **Need a TCU UserName?** button to get started. A TCU email account is created in conjunction with the normal account creation process. Employees can create accounts after receiving a TCU ID number. Keep in mind that TCU usernames and email addresses are different. Email addresses generally have a period in them while the username will not.
- Review orientation videos.** The Graduate Studies website has several videos that offer information on TCU, graduate study, and Fort Worth. (<https://graduate.tcu.edu/about/graduate-orientation/>)
- Research housing/apartments in the TCU area.** Most TCU graduate students live off campus, but nearby. Here are some websites that feature rental units near TCU.  
<https://www.apartments.com/tcu-district-fort-worth-tx/?bb=2450p2i5zJp4o6a>  
<https://www.apartmentguide.com/apartments/Texas/Texas-Christian-University/>  
<https://www.zillow.com/texas-christian-university-fort-worth-tx/apartments/>  
<https://www.forrentuniversity.com/Texas-Christian-University>  
<http://uhtcu.com/>
- Fill out and return the health insurance forms.** These were included in your I-20 packet. International students, regardless of classification, are REQUIRED to carry the TCU Aetna Student Health Insurance Plan as a minimum standard of coverage. Enrollment is automatic for all students on F-Visas. Please be aware that your health insurance coverage will not begin until August 15. For more information on health insurance go to <https://graduate.tcu.edu/financial-support/health-insurance/>. Only in rare exceptions are international students able to waive the TCU student health insurance. If you believe you qualify for a waiver, contact Ms. Marilyn Hallam ([m.hallam@tcu.edu](mailto:m.hallam@tcu.edu)) in the TCU Health Center.
- Travel to Fort Worth.** The F-1 visa allows you to enter the United States up to 30 days before the program start on the first page of your I-20. You will need to your passport, F-1 visa and the original copy of the Form I-20 with ink signature as you enter the United States. You will be asked to present these documents at your port of entry. You should also carry a copy of the letter indicating your admission to the program and financial award.