STEP 1: OBTAIN A CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY

After applying to a University in the USA, either through the Office of International Relations, NTNU or on your own, you will be notified if you have been accepted or not.

If you have been accepted, the university will send you a **CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY** (COE). This certificate is either form **I-20** or **DS-2019**. You can think of it as an acceptance letter **certifying that you are eligible** to study in the U.S.A.

STEP 2: PAY THE SEVIS FEE AND SCHEDULE A VISA INTERVIEW

After you receive the Certificate of Eligibility you should:

- **pay the SEVIS fee** on-line at [www.fmjfee.com](http://www.fmjfee.com); Amount: $200 *(increasing to $350 June 24, 2019)* (Note: Fee varies depending on visa type.) For more information, please see [http://www.ice.gov/sevis/i901/faq2.htm](http://www.ice.gov/sevis/i901/faq2.htm)

- **schedule a visa interview** at the American Embassy in Oslo and apply for a visa see [https://no.usembassy.gov](https://no.usembassy.gov) click on **Visas – Nonimmigrant Visas** *(Visa fee as of June 19, 2019, USD 160. Price valid through June 24, 2019.)* For information on how to pay the visa fee please see:
  
  [http://www.ustraveldocs.com/no/no-niv-paymentinfo.asp](http://www.ustraveldocs.com/no/no-niv-paymentinfo.asp)

**TIP 1:** On form **DS-160** where it asks: “Where will You Stay in The U.S.?”: If you don’t have an address yet just put the **address of the university you will be attending**.

**TIP 2:** A student visa may be issued **no more than 120 days prior to the start of your program**. See FAQ: Q.2 “How early should I apply for my student visa?” on [http://www.ustraveldocs.com/no/no-gen-faq.asp](http://www.ustraveldocs.com/no/no-gen-faq.asp) See also [https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas.html](https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas.html)

**TIP 3:** In order to make an appointment for a visa interview you must have:

- received your **Certificate of Eligibility**
- paid the **SEVIS fee**
- filled out the **DS-160 form** and paid the visa **application fee**

**TIP 3a:** Some have had trouble filling out the **DS-160** on a MAC. Best using Firefox or Explorer or Chrome. Website does NOT support Safari

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Please plan to spend **several hours at the embassy** for all the procedures including outdoor wait time for the security check. Bring as little as possible with you!

**TIP 1:** With an **early appointment** there will be fewer people ahead of you in line so the chance of your being delayed is less. **TIP 2:** For directions to embassy see [https://no.usembassy.gov/embassy](https://no.usembassy.gov/embassy/)

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