F-1 Students: Transferring your F-1 Status

SCHOOL TRANSFER FOR F1 STUDENTS:
As an F1 student, if you want to begin studying at a different school (except for summer-only programs), you must transfer your immigration status to the new school. This is true even if you first graduate from Howard and then go on to another degree program at another school. F-1 students who wish to transfer from one school to another must discuss the transfer plans with the immigration advisor at the current school.

To transfer TO another school FROM Howard:
To transfer to another school FROM Howard, after you get admitted to the new school, come in to speak with an advisor at the ISSO. Bring any transfer form the new school may want the ISSO to complete (contact the new school to find out if they have a transfer form). In consultation with the advisor at the ISSO, you will decide on a "release date" which the ISSO will enter into the SEVIS database. After the release date, the new school will be able to produce an I-20 for you. Be sure to discuss any interim travel or work plans you have with the ISSO advisor as that will affect your transfer procedure.

DEADLINE 60 DAYS AFTER GRADUATION: If you are graduating from Howard, and you plan to go on to another program at another school, you must discuss your transfer with the ISSO NO MORE THAN SIXTY (60) DAYS AFTER YOU GRADUATE. Even though your release date can be later than 60 days, the release date must be entered into the SEVIS database before the end of the 60 day grace period following your graduation from Howard.

To transfer TO Howard from another school:
To transfer to Howard from another school, after you get admitted to Howard, speak with your foreign student advisor at the International Office of your current school. Bring your letter of admission to Howard with you as well as the Howard transfer form (pdf) which we ask that your International student advisor complete. Follow the directions on the form for faxing or mailing it to your Howard admissions office. In consultation with the advisor at your international office, you will decide on a "release date" which your current school's international advisor will enter into the SEVIS database. Be sure to discuss any interim travel or work plans you have with your international advisor as that will affect your transfer procedure. After the release date, your Howard admissions office will be able to produce an I-20 for you. The Howard admissions office will also require you to show proof of funding before they will issue
you the Howard I-20. Speak to your Howard admissions office for the details on proof of funding. Below is a list of the Howard admissions offices:

- Graduate Admissions
- Undergraduate Admissions
- Law School Admissions

Don't Forget!! Once you do arrive at Howard, you must check in at the International Students and Scholars office to complete your transfer procedure!

**DEADLINE 60 DAYS AFTER GRADUATION:** If you are graduating from your current school, and you plan to go on to another program at Howard, you must discuss your transfer with your international office **NO MORE THAN SIXTY (60) DAYS AFTER YOU GRADUATE** from your current school. Even though your release date can be later than 60 days, the release date must be entered in to the SEVIS database before the end of that 60 day grace period following your graduation.