

## **Checklist of Procedures to Apply for F-1 Reinstatement**

- \* Complete and sign Form I-539 (immigration form available in ISSO or USCIS website).
- \* Write a letter addressed to USCIS requesting reinstatement, explaining the reasons for falling out of status and stating that you have not engaged in unauthorized employment.
- \* Provide information that documents that you have been in status until the violation occurred and that you have intent to continue in F1 status (i.e., academic transcript).
- \* Provide proof of financial support.
- \* Provide photocopies of the passport, including the photo page, the page with the passport's expiration date, and the visa page.
- \* Provide the original I-94 and a photocopy of the original I-20 (all I-20's issued by each school attended in the US).
- \* Obtain a new Form I-20.
- \* Include a check or money order for \$300 made payable to "USCIS"

If the reinstatement is approved, USCIS will endorse the new I-20 form to indicate that the student has been reinstated and return the I-20 to the student. If the reinstatement is not approved, the student will be given a "notice to appear" in immigration court to receive their deportation orders or can voluntarily depart the U.S.

## **Returning to F-1 status by Re-Entering the United States**

An F-1 student who has failed to maintain status may not be reinstated to student status by leaving the U.S. and re-entering with a new Form I-20 that is marked "reinstatement". However, a student may depart the U.S. and return using a new Form I-20 marked "Initial Attendance" in Sect. 3(a).

Students may not regain status by taking part in the "automatic revalidation process" when returning to the U.S. after a visit of no more than thirty days to Canada, Mexico, or adjacent islands. **The entry visa of a student who has fallen out of status is no longer valid.**