

Social Security Number (SSN)

Eligibility for a social security number:

- Only individuals who are authorized to work in the U.S. are eligible to obtain a social security number.
- If you work on campus, or if you obtain permission to work off campus (through an internship or a co-op agreement), you will need to apply for a social security number.
- F-1 students must have a job before they can apply for a SSN. You will need a letter from CIIP and from the on-campus department or employer to apply for the SSN

Other information:

The SSN is used by employers to identify you, report earnings to the IRS and more. The SSN is also used by banks, utility companies, cell phone companies, insurance companies, and more. You will need a social security number when you file your annual tax return with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

UTILITIES: In many cases, if you don't have a SSN you will have to pay a deposit to connect utilities at your residence. Utilities can include: phone, cable, electricity, gas and water. Deposits vary in price by company.

CELL PHONES: If you want to obtain a cell phone, the companies will do a credit check by using your SSN. If you do not have a credit history or do not have a SSN, they will ask for a deposit. These deposits can range in price from \$50 to \$400+.