09/13/2004 - Social Security Administration (SSA) Announces New Process for F-1 Students

Effective October 13, 2004, the SSA will require F-1 students who are applying for Social Security Numbers (SSN) to submit additional evidence before a Social Security card can be issued. Currently, F-1 students wishing to obtain SSNs must submit evidence of age, identity, immigration status and work authorization. As of October 13, 2004, F-1 students who do not have an Employment Authorization Document (EAD); who have not been authorized for Curricular Practical Training (CPT) on their I-20 form; or do not have an official offer of on-Campus employment will not be eligible to apply for a Social Security Number.

For more information on the new regulations, please contact the Office of International Services.