

## Pre-Arrival Checklist for Fall 2024

1. Visa: Set up an appointment for a [visa interview](#) as soon as possible. In case you are unsuccessful the first time, you will need sufficient time to reschedule. Please monitor the embassy or consulate website for updates.
2. Flight: All international students need to make plans for arrival based on the following schedule:
  - August 19 & 20: Residence Hall Move-In (Undergraduates)
  - \*August 21st: Immigration Check-In Part 1
  - August 21-22: Bulldog Days Orientation Session VI (Undergraduates)
  - \*August 23: Immigration Check-In Part 2

\*A detailed schedule for Immigration Check-In will be posted later this summer in the Pre-Arrival Orientation Canvas course. If your academic program begins before August 21st, you must [schedule an appointment](#) to complete an official Immigration Check-In meeting.
3. Read the [Global Engagement Booklet](#) to guide you in setting up your Samford email and portal access, packing for Alabama weather, making final arrangements before leaving your country of residence, and more.
4. Housing: Undergraduate students living on campus, fill out the housing application and contract. Then submit through the Application Status Page.
  - a. For more information about living on campus, see the [Residence Life FAQs](#) page. Graduate students should begin contacting apartment complexes. A few apartment options are listed in the Global Engagement Booklet and an extensive list can be found in the Pre-Arrival Canvas course.
  - b. As you make travel arrangements it is important for residential students to know that **Samford's campus is closed during the winter break (December 15-January 11)**. If you do not plan on returning home during the winter break, you will be responsible for securing your own off-campus accommodations until the campus resumes normal operations.
5. Health: [Med+Proctor](#) will email your Samford email address with instructions to set up an account. Upload forms online via Med+Proctor.
6. Health Insurance: International students must have health insurance coverage while enrolled at Samford. You must either purchase the [Samford student insurance plan](#) or provide proof of comparable coverage through the Waiver process.

For questions about student insurance or completing the Insurance Waiver Form, contact [Tracy Hanrahan](#), [tghanrah@samford.edu](mailto:tghanrah@samford.edu), 205-726-4578.