

التعليمات الحالية للحصول على الفيزا للدخول الى الاراضي الامريكية

- **The Visa Office at Embassy Baghdad is NOT processing visas for certain types of applicants. They are NOT processing visa applications for students who are not sponsored by the Government of Iraq (for example, students who are paying for their own travels). They are also NOT processing tourist or visitor visas.**
- **U.S. Embassy Baghdad understands the importance of helping sponsored students come to the United States to study at U.S. universities. The Visa Office is working with students who are sponsored by the Government of Iraq (Ministry of Higher Education, other government ministries, HCED program, etc.) who plan to study in the United States.**
- Applicants should read all the directions carefully to complete the visa application. http://iraq.usembassy.gov/iraq/tourist_business/how-to-apply.html
- Students/Faculty should complete the online visa application form (DS-160), which can be found on the Embassy's website.
- Get photos taken for your visa; read the requirements carefully. You will need to upload this to the visa application.
- Choose Baghdad as the location for the visa interview (unless the person is living in the Iraqi Kurdistan Region - then they can interview in Erbil; slightly different process).
- Submit the visa application online.
- Print out the Confirmation Page with the Confirmation Number and Barcode
- Send an email to the Consular Office at Embassy Baghdad, asking for a visa interview:

BaghdadNIV@state.gov<BaghdadNIV@state.gov><mailto:BaghdadNIV@state.gov>

In the email, state clearly at the beginning:

- He/she is asking for a visa interview for a J-1 visa (or F-visas)
- He/she is a student or faculty member sponsored by the Government of Iraq to study or do research abroad

List the documents that he/she is attaching to the email:

DS-2019 Form or I-20 Form

Acceptance Letter from university

Scholarship Award Letter (recently issued - not an old one)

Passport Data Page

Confirmation Number

- Then attach those documents to the email before sending.
- The email system at the Embassy automatically responds with an email back. This email says that the Embassy is NOT processing visas for non-immigrant visas (such as J and F visas). The student/scholar should ignore this automatic response.
- In a few days, the Embassy Visa Office will send an email to the student/scholar to follow up on the request for a visa interview. They may ask for more documents or information. When they have all the information they need, they will work with the student/scholar to schedule a visa interview at the Embassy in Baghdad.
- **The student/scholar will follow all the instructions from the Visa Office about coming to the Embassy for the visa interview.**
- Pay the visa application fee at the Bank of Baghdad and bring the receipt to the interview
- Pay the SEVIS fee online; print the receipt and bring to the interview
- Bring all the documents above
- Bring a pre-paid DHL receipt (to return the passport); follow the instructions from the Visa Office, in case the procedure has changed.

However, right now there is a problem with the Visa Computers all over the world. The Embassy in Baghdad will also be affected by this problem. Once the problem is solved, it will take some time to handle the backlog (as we say in English) of applications that have not been able to be processed during this time. So, I would recommend that our Iraqi students/scholars submit their visa applications and get this started. However, there will be some delay in the entire process because of this situation.

<http://iraq.usembassy.gov/visas.html>

<http://travel.state.gov/content/travel/english/news/technological-systems-issue.html>