HOMELAND SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS

SEVP Conference Bulletin

Check Out the Latest Features on Study in the States

The Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) recently released new Study in the States tools to engage with school officials and other key partners in the international student process. The new features include a <u>School Certification Life Cycle</u>, a <u>Study in the States social media hub</u> and an <u>embeddable widget</u>.

The <u>School Certification Life Cycle</u> tool walks users through an overview of the SEVP certification process from the first steps of filing for certification to the ongoing recertification process.

Study in the States uses its social media channels to communicate about the certification process and other updates about government rules and regulations surrounding the international student process. Now you can keep up with the latest posts from Study in the States on the new <u>social media hub</u>. Use #StudyintheStates for a chance to have your posts featured on the site.

Find Study in the States helpful? You can now share our page on your website by embedding the new Study in the States widget on your Web page. When users click the widget, it links directly back to Study in the States. Whether you are a school or association, you can easily embed the widget to a desired location on your website. Learn how to embed the widget onto your website on Study in the States.

Feedback Needed: Draft Policy Guidance Available for Comment on Study in the States

SEVP is currently seeking public feedback on five draft policy guidance documents available on Study in the States. We encourage stakeholders to review and provide their feedback on the following topics:

- F-1 off-campus employment.
- F-1 emergent circumstances.
- F-1 on-campus employment.
- F-1 and M-1 general employment.
- F-1 internship with an international
 - organization.

Stakeholders can submit comments on the above topics until Monday, Sep. 29, 2015. To learn more about SEVP draft policy guidance and how to submit feedback, visit the <u>SEVP Guidance for Comment</u> page on Study in the States.

SEVP Director Farrell Releases Video on Upcoming SEVIS Enhancements

In his third video message to the academic

<u>community</u>, SEVP Director Lou Farrell discusses recent and upcoming enhancements to the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS). Director Farrell reaffirms the program's commitment to providing an effective and efficient system for school users, provides updates about the program's steps to improve the system—including enhancements made in <u>SEVIS Release 6.21</u> and highlights future functionalities to enhance SEVIS.

Contact Us

If you have any questions or are interested in SEVP participating in your event, email your request to <u>SEVPOutreach@ice.dhs.gov</u>. Did you recently attend an SEVP conference or join in an online webinar? SEVP wants your feedback! Fill out the <u>Stakeholder Satisfaction</u> <u>Survey</u> on Study in the States to provide feedback on our outreach events.

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For more information on SEVP Conferences and Outreach initiatives, or to view the latest seasonal conference presentation, please visit the <u>Conferences</u> and <u>Outreach</u> page on Study in the States.