

SEVP Conference Bulletin

SEVP Webinar Series

Ask the Experts: PDSO & DSO Updates

The Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) successfully held the first Ask the Experts webinar on Feb. 18, 2016, at 1 p.m. EST. During the webinar, SEVP adjudicators discussed the way forward for principal designated school official (PDSO) and designated school official (DSO) updates, and answered questions from audience members. SEVP would like to thank the approximately 1,000 attendees who joined us for this presentation.

Did you miss today's webinar? A recording and transcript will be available one week from today on the Study in the States [Stakeholder Webinars page](#). Stay tuned to [Study in the States](#) and social media for more information about the webinar recording.

For additional information about the SEVP Webinar Series, visit the Study in the States [Stakeholder Webinars page](#).

New Timeline for DHS's Rule on Training Opportunities for International STEM Students

In [October 2015](#), the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) issued a [proposed rule](#) that would extend the time during which some international students in the science, technology, engineering and mathematics fields may engage in optional practical training (OPT) while in the United States. DHS plans to publish a final rule on this topic in March 2016.

Visit the Newly Enhanced School Search Page on Study in the States

The Study in the States [School Search page](#) was recently enhanced to make this tool easier to use for prospective international students and other readers! School search results now display in an easy to read list view. Within the list view, schools with multiple campuses are displayed as a single result, with an accordion feature that can be expanded to view all school campuses under that school. Icons denote which school campus is the main campus, as well as the student visa type accepted by each school.

The [School Search page](#) is accessible on all Internet browsers and mobile devices. Check out the enhanced School Search page today and share it with your current and prospective international students.

PDSOs and DSOs: Annual Verification Deadline Approaching

The [Annual PDSO and DSO Verification Project](#) began on Dec. 2, 2015. SEVP encourages PDSOs to complete this required verification of all DSOs in SEVIS as soon as possible. Failure to complete verification by the March 2, 2016 deadline will result in loss of SEVIS access for all DSOs at a school.

Contact Us

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

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