

TO DO LIST BEFORE YOU LEAVE TURKEY – (for a graduate student)

Note: The list is prepared according to the priority.

No:	Event	Done?
1-)	<u>Make a reservation</u> for your flight. In the summer period it is very difficult to arrange a suitable ticket. <u>Don't buy</u> the ticket immediately in case a problem can occur.	
2-)	If you plan to stay at apartment housing on-campus, apply <u>early</u> to have a more chance. Look at the website of IIT Housing Office for the details.	
3-)	If you plan not to stay on-campus, still we advise you to arrange a place to live early, at least start searching.	
4-)	Receive the I-20 form	
5-)	Apply for SEVIS form I-901 from the following website of the Department of Homeland Security: https://www.fmjfee.com/index.jhtml	
5.1-)	Fill out the online form	
5.2-)	Pay I-901 fee (\$100) online by your credit card. Keep in mind that IIT refunds that money by doing a favor	
5.3-)	Print out the receipt of I-901 payment	
6-)	<i>for male students</i>	
6.1-)	Delay your military service from the military branch at which you have your record.	
6.2-)	Get the suspension letter from that military branch	
6.3-)	Apply to the Department of Education for opening a file called "ozel ogrenci". (keep in mind that it takes <u>15 days</u>)	
6.4-)	Get the letter called "Tanima Fisi" from the Department of Education after your file is opened	
<p>Important Note: We are not sure whether the female students can open that file called "ozel ogrenci".</p>		
7-)	Apply to the Police Department for passport with your letter called "Tanima Fisi". (So that, you will <u>not pay any money</u> for yearly tax of passport which costs much. <u>Be sure to ask</u> this situation <u>before</u> you pay anything, otherwise they <u>don't refund</u> that amount)	
7.1-)	Be sure that they sealed your passport which allows not to pay any money at the passport control while you are leaving Turkey	
8-)	After you got your passport, make an appointment with the US consulate for getting F-1 visa	
9-)	Receive your F-1 visa	
10-)	Log onto the website of IIT – Student Health Center and download two forms which are about your medical history	
11-)	Fill out these forms and get an official test reports to prove your immunization to mumps, measles (rubeola), german measles (rubella). You will submit them when you arrive in IIT	

12-)	Create an account from a bank which allows you withdraw money from Chicago, such as Citibank. They don't charge anything to transfer your money from Turkey to Chicago.	
13-)	If you have a credit card, you can use it in the United States, but we advise you to ask your bank whether or not they apply extra charge.	
14-)	As the last note, carry the documents with you during the journey such as I-20 form, passport, I-901 receipt, the address info about where you will stay in Chicago. Don't leave them in your luggage since they will be asked at the passport controls.	