



Welcome to Rice! We hope you are having a great summer and look forward to seeing you soon. This is the first of three newsletters you will receive from OISS this summer.

The following are some reminders and important information for planning to begin our journey at Rice.

Preparing for US Port of Entry



If you are arriving from outside the US, please make sure you have the following with you to show at the US Port of Entry:

- Passport (valid for 6+ months into the future upon entry)
- Valid visa for your status (exception for citizens of Canada)
- Original I-20 or DS-2019

Transportation from Airport

The following are options for transportation to Rice from the airport:

- [Graduate Airport Pick up](#)—Arrival hospitality program offered to new international graduate students arriving for the Fall semester.
- [Super Shuttle](#)—estimated cost of \$30
- Taxi—estimated cost of \$60
- [ISAR \(Indian Students at Rice\) Airport Pick up Program](#)
- RCSSC (Rice Chinese Students & Scholars Club) Airport Pick-Up Program—send your name and flight information to Ricejieji@gmail.com



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Check-In and Orientation

All new international students are required to complete an immigration check-in and attend orientation. The preferred Check-in times are:

Thursday, August 10, 9:30am—3:00pm

Friday, August 11, 9:30am—3:00pm

In the next newsletter you will have the opportunity to sign up for your preferred Check-in time.

Required Orientation for new international graduate students will be Monday and Tuesday, August 14 and 15, 8:15am to 2:00pm. Attendance both days are required. *(MBA students are not required to attend this orientation)*
More details will be included in the next newsletter.

Health Insurance

You are required to enroll in one of the following health insurance plans:

[Aetna—Rice's Student Health Insurance Plan](#)

[SAS— Alternate Insurance Plan for Students](#)

*****Open Enrollment: July 10—September 1*****



For more useful information, please see our website:

<http://oiss.rice.edu/prearrivalinfo/>

If you have questions, please contact us at oiss@rice.edu or 713-348-6095

Kindest regards,
OISS Team