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## INVITING FAMILY & FRIENDS TO VISIT YOU IN THE UNITED STATES

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Because the purpose of a tourist visa does not directly involve UMASS Boston visa sponsorship, the invitation letter you need does not come from the International Student & Scholars Office. You will prepare your own invitation letter to give your guests who wish to visit you in the United States. A sample letter is on the back of this form. Please provide your family or friend(s):

- **a Letter of Invitation written by you**
- **an Enrollment Verification Letter**
- **a copy of your Form I-20 or DS2019**

Most likely the individuals who will come to visit you will be issued B1/B2 visa at the U.S. embassy closest to them. You can find a list of U.S. embassies at this site: <http://www.usembassy.gov/>. Instructions for visa applications are also on each embassy's website.

If you will invite individuals who live in the same home, you can write one letter and include all of the names (including each person's date of birth and relationship to you) in that one letter. If the people you are inviting live separately, you should send a separate letter to each person with copies of the documents listed above.

**ENROLLMENT VERIFICATION LETTER:** You can get this letter at The One Stop. The One Stop is located on the main floor of the campus center.

**REASON FOR VISIT:** See sample letter on back. You should include the reason for the visit in your invitation letter, for example, to attend graduation ceremony, to visit me for summer vacation, etc.

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***SEE SAMPLE LETTER ON BACK***

## SAMPLE INVITATION LETTER FOR INVITING RELATIVES & FRIENDS

[DATE]

Consular Office  
United States Consulate/Embassy  
[City], [Country]

Dear Consul:

My name is (your name), and I am a (F1 or J1) (student or scholar) at the University of Massachusetts Boston in Boston, Massachusetts, pursuing a (bachelor's, master's, doctoral) degree in (field of study).

Included with this letter is 1.) an enrollment verification letter and 2.) a copy of my (I-20 or DS2019) as proof of my enrollment status at the University of Massachusetts Boston.

I wish to invite the following individual(s) to (example: my graduation ceremony/to visit me for summer vacation, etc.):

- (LAST NAME, first name) (exactly as it is written in guest's passport)
- (Guest's date of birth and relationship to you)

My guest(s) will be visiting me from (month, day, year) until (month, day, year) and will stay at (my residence or other location) during the duration of their visit. The costs of their visit will be covered by (financial information). Please see the attached financial documentation for more details.

Thank you for your time and consideration of the attached visa application.

Sincerely,

*Your Signature*

(Your Name)