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## Introduction

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Step 1 Immediately notify and consult with FUSIA

Step 2 If it is left at home, ask a family member to send it to the participant via express mail

Step 3 Submit the required documents to the **I-515A Processing Team** as per the I-515A directive

Step 4 Once Form I-515A is adjudicated, the team will return the originals to FUSIA

Step 5 Arrange pick up or delivery of Form DS-2019 (original)

Step 6 Submit courier fee (if applicable)

NOTE: Do not send documents to the I-515A Processing Team without first consulting with FUSIA.

NOTE: Failure to respond to the Form I-515A within the initial 30-day deadline will result in the issuance of "Intent to Terminate" letter. Failure to comply with the "Intent to Terminate" letter within 14 days will result in the termination of the nonimmigrant's SEVIS record and the end of the exchange visitor's legal status in the US.

NOTE: CBP screening is extensive. Lacking the required documentation when entering the port of entry can result in delays and cumbersome procedures. As such, do not pack your Form DS-2019 in your checked luggage. Be sure to enter/reenter the US with all required documents (originals) and do not depart the US while the program is in effect without obtaining the travel signature.

For assistance, contact FUSIA at +1 718 643 0311 ext. 11 (office) or +1 917 244 2600 (WhatsApp chat).

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