

Tax Identification Numbers

	Social Security Number (SSN)	Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN)
Purpose	Requirement to:	Requirement to:
	Be paid as a UW employee	Claim tax treaty benefit
	Claim tax treaty benefit	File for a tax refund
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Who's eligible	Foreign National:	Foreign National:
	Authorized to work in U.S.	Not eligible for SSN
		Eligible claim a tax treaty benefit
		Required to file a U.S. tax return
How to apply	• <u>In person</u> at <u>Social Security Administration</u>	• <u>In person</u> with <u>UW Procurement Services</u>
Documents	• Form <u>SS-5</u>	• Form <u>W-7</u>
needed	Valid passport	Valid passport
	Original or a copy of an identification	Original foreign status identification
	document (e.g., stamped I-94 or work	documents (e.g., I-94 or visa)
	permit)	Other document requirements vary - visit <u>UW</u>
	• Students (F-1 & J-1) I-20 & "Social Security	<u>Procurement Services</u> for details
	Verification Form" from <u>UW ISS Office</u>	
	Non-students (J-1, H-1B): Employment	
	letter from U.S. sponsor & DS 2019 or I-797	
When to apply	After <u>UW ISS Office</u> check-in	 Immediately upon arriving at UW
	• 10 business days after arriving in the U.S.	
Wait Time	Allow 2-4 weeks	Allow 6-9 weeks
Cost	No cost	No cost
Payment before	• Yes	• Yes
getting number?		
Tax treaty	• No	• No
benefit before		
getting number?		

