Applying for a Social Security Number

Almost every Wednesday at 10am, IHouse staff drives to the Durham Social Security Office. Please meet at International House (300 Alexander Ave.) by 9:45am. This schedule is subject to change in August and January during new student arrival period, so please check the IHouse website.

ELIGIBILITY
- You must have been in the United States for at least 3 business days
- If you are a F-1 student, you must have an on-campus job
- Unfortunately, F-2 dependent visas are NOT eligible to work or apply for SSN
- If you are on a J-2 visa, you may apply for a number after receiving employment authorization
- If you are a F-1 student with a summer internship or OPT employment after graduation, you can apply for a number no more than 30 days prior to your job start date

ITEMS TO BRING
- F-1 visa holder: I-20
- J-1 visa holder: DS-2019
- H-1B visa holder: I-797
- Letter issued by Duke Visa Services to the Social Security Administration
- Your Passport
- Your I-94 card. If you were not issued a paper I-94 card upon entry to the U.S., please visit www.cbp.gov/I94 to print off your electronic arrival/departure record as evidence of your I-94.

LOCATION
The Social Security Office is located at 3004 Tower Boulevard, on the corner of Pickett Road and Tower Boulevard, Durham 27707. The building is located next to the big shiny tower, known as the University Tower, that one can see when driving on Highway 15-501. Hours: Monday – Tuesday, 9am – 4pm, Wednesday 9am – 12pm, Thursday – Friday, 9am – 4pm. Closed Federal Holidays. Tel. 888.759.3908

TAKING THE BUS
Get on the GO TRIANGLE (TTA) Bus #400 in front of the VA Hospital on Erwin Road. Tell the driver you want to get off at Burger King on Westgate Drive or Li-Ming Global Market. Walk through the Target Shopping Plaza and out the other side to Tower Boulevard. Walk past the Extended Stay America on your right and the big Tower Building on your left. The Social Security office will be on your left. Cost of Bus: $2 one-way or free with Go Pass. To return to Duke, just retrace your steps this time taking the TTA bus back to campus from the bus stop on Westgate Drive (on the Target side). www.gotriangle.org