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Subject: Important Tasks for Students

Greetings from Student Financial Services.

We are writing to you today to help you get your Fall 2016 semester off to a great financial start. Because your home is outside the United States, paying the bill and helping your family stay informed about your student account is sometimes more challenging than it might be if you lived in the States. Please read on for important information about managing your financial responsibilities at the University of Virginia. You might also want to forward this email to your parents or anyone else who will be helping to pay your bills so they can see this information as well.

First, we encourage you and your parents to review the information at <http://sfs.virginia.edu/starthere>. On this page, you will find information regarding how to authorize your parents and others to have detailed conversations with our office about your student account. You can authorize them by completing and submitting the Authorization to Release Financial Information form found at <http://sfs.virginia.edu/forms>. You will also learn how to set your parents and others up as an Authorized Payer in QuikPay@UVA, the University's online payment system. To access your QuikPay@UVA account, turn off your pop-up blockers on your browser, log in to your SIS Student Center (<http://www.virginia.edu/sis>) and then click "QuikPay@UVA" in the Finances section.

We encourage all undergraduate students to complete both of the above actions as soon as you are able to do so. It will make your own lives much easier, and it will make it easier for our office to provide better service to your parents.

The charges for the Fall 2016 term are now available in your QuikPay@UVA account. We do NOT send a copy of the charges by mail, so it is very important to grant your parents access by making them an Authorized Payer.

Many students who live outside the U.S. prefer to pay by wire transfer of funds. The University has partnered with Flywire, a company that makes wiring money between countries more convenient, trackable, and that provides the best guaranteed rate. Flywire is the University's preferred method for international payments. While there are other payment options as well, bear in mind that we can only accept checks drawn on U.S. banks, and that credit cards carry a 2.75% transaction fee, so credit cards may not be an attractive payment option.

Your parents can also keep up with us by tracking us on Twitter and Facebook. Addresses are below. If you have any questions about managing your student account, please write to us at sfs@virginia.edu. We'll be happy to help you!

Thank you from Student Financial Services.

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