Before Travel

Prior to flying out from India, it is recommended that you:

1) Schedule flight arrival timings (at the Hartsfield-Jackson airport, Atlanta) before nightfall and reach Auburn by late evening at the most. The earlier, the easier it will be for us to help you.

2) Complete a medical information form that was sent to you by the school. You can also find it here. The document has a detailed list of tests and vaccines required. There are several mandatory tests and vaccines mentioned. Be sure to get all of them. You may or may not take the optional tests/vaccines. If your PPD test is positive you need to get a chest X-ray done as it is pretty expensive in the U.S. Get an eye check-up if you wear glasses/contacts. Here is a quick Checklist of things that can help you while you pack.

3) Contact realtors such as Northcutt Realty, First Realty and Auburn Realty to rent apartments.

4) Make an account on Handshake to receive updates about part-time/full-time job openings and internships once you receive your Banner ID (‘903xxxxxx’).

5) Check that you have the following documents while leaving:
   • I-20 (Usually three Pages)
   • Passport
   • Visa (Usually pasted in the passport, by this time you should have made sure that there are no typos or mistakes in your visa)
   • University Acceptance Letter
   • Address and Phone numbers (Of the person(s) whom you contacted and all the committee members)
   • Photo copies of the aforementioned documents (placed one in each bag)
   • Forex Cards issued by Indian banks (these will help money transfer between India and U.S at the least transaction rate.) and an amount of roughly 1000 USD on these cards.

6) Subscribe to the official page of ISA on Facebook and AUInvolve to get acquainted with other useful tips and tricks.

Notes:
1. Remember to carry some quarters (coins of 25 cents) in case you need to get in touch with any ISA member over phone. You can use these quarters to make a call on a US telephone number.
2. Avoid using Flywire even if the University website recommends you to do so.
3. Once you arrive at AU Hotel, be sure to contact us so that we can arrange for pick-up.