FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS
International Students

1. I plan to arrive earlier. Can I get a job on campus?
This is rare, if not impossible. In order to be eligible to get a job on campus you must be an enrolled student with a valid visa. If you maintain a full course of study and your visa begins before the fall semester, you could apply for a job with the department. But be aware that summer positions usually open and are filled at the end of spring semester.

2. Can I work off campus then?
No. Student visas allow you only to work on campus. In order to work off campus, you need to get a special permit from the International Office.

3. I have been appointed as a Teaching Assistant/Instructor Assistant. When will I receive my first check?
You will receive your first check on October 1st. You will receive your second check in November 1st, and so on.

4. Does the Teaching Assistantship or Assistant Instructorship include medical insurance?
Yes, as long as you work as TA or AI in the Department, the University will pay for your medical insurance. You will only have to pay the Repatriation/Medical Evacuation insurance (around $25 per semester). New students also have to pay the 1-month-early-arrival coverage, which starts 30 days before the first day of your first semester at UT (around $100).

5. Does the university provide any kind of temporary or long-term housing for international students?
There is no temporary housing available on campus. Regarding long-term housing, all graduate students, not just international ones, can apply for a university apartment. Since there is a waiting list, apply as early as possible.

6. Can I use my country’s driver license in Texas?
You can use your country's driver license up to one year where there is reciprocity with the United States. International driver licenses are valid for one year as well.

7. Where can I find more information?
For more information about international students at the University of Texas please visit International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS) at http://www.utexas.edu/international/isss/.

The Welcome Guide that they publish is another great resource for incoming international students: http://www.utexas.edu/international/isss/students/new/files/welcome_guide10summer_fall.pdf