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**Welcome back and Happy New Year!**

We hope you had a safe and enjoyable break! We wish you the best in this New Year!

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### **Timely Tips From your OIS Advisor: Hanna Juliff**

- **Reminder of Full-time Enrollment Requirement:** Be sure you are registering for a full course load this spring. It is a requirement of your student immigration status to [enroll full-time](#).
- **Reduced Course Load Authorization:** Under very limited circumstances dropping below full-time status is allowed with approval from OIS. Review qualifications and instructions on the [OIS Website](#).

## Spring 2024 OPT Sessions

A benefit of F-1 Student Status is [Optional Practical Training](#). To understand the complexities and application process associated with this benefit, interested students should plan to attend an OPT information session this spring. Students may complete the required advance registration and submit their questions through the [links in the event flyer](#).

- *To view additional helpful workshops including CPT, Academic Training and STEM OPT that will also be hosted throughout the Spring Term, please visit our [OIS announcements page](#).*



**NEW!**

### Video Advising Pilot!

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The Office of International Services will introduce a video advising option starting Spring 2024. This will be offered in addition to telephone and email advising. Video advising allows students 15 minutes with a dedicated OIS advisor and is meant for more complex questions after students have reviewed available OIS website information.

Starting January 23, current students with an active F-1 record can schedule an appointment on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Visit the OIS [Microsoft Bookings page](#) to check appointment availability and schedule a session.

There will be a limited number of appointments available during the Spring 2024 pilot. See also the [OIS Contact Us webpage](#) for a complete list of ways to contact and work with OIS.

OIS video advising is designed to be one-to-one with an OIS advisor discussing an individual student's inquiry (no group appointments).

### Beware of Scams!

International students, staff, researchers, and faculty are frequently targets of scams. These often believable fraudulent tricks could threaten your safety and well-being. To learn about how to protect yourself from these dangerous and costly schemes, click [HERE](#).

# J-1 Regulatory Review

J-1 Exchange Visitors are encouraged to visit the OIS website to learn more about the [212\(e\) Two-Year Home Residency requirement](#), which is one of the commonly misunderstood aspects of the J Exchange Visitor Program. The OIS website provides information on what it means to be, and who is, subject to 212(e). It also provides information on follow-up options and considerations for those who appear to be subject to 212(e). **Any J-1 Exchange Visitor nearing their current J-1 end date and interested in future immigration sponsorship in the U.S. should carefully review this information and contact [J1-Advising@jhu.edu](mailto:J1-Advising@jhu.edu) with questions.**

## New H-1B eForms

To improve accuracy and efficiency, OIS will launch an improved H-1B eForm process in January 2024. This initiative will include updates to all existing Department and Applicant eForms and the introduction of new Department and Applicant eForms.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Looking for something to do on campus or in the DMV area? Check out [The Hub](#) and [Hopkins Groups](#) for events!

<b>1</b> February	<b>ACADEMIC TRAINING FOR STUDENTS IN J-1 STATUS</b> 4-5 PM EST. <a href="#">RSVP Here!</a>
<b>7</b> February	<b>OPT SESSION FOR ALL F-1 STUDENTS</b> 12-1 PM EST. <a href="#">RSVP Here!</a>
<b>16</b> February	<b>OPT SESSION FOR F-1 PHD STUDENTS</b> 12-1 PM EST. <a href="#">RSVP Here!</a>
<b>20</b> February	<b>IMMIGRATION EMPLOYMENT OPTIONS SEMINAR</b> 4-5PM EST. <a href="#">RSVP Here!</a>