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**As we continuously work on improving our services to international students and scholars, we would like to share the various ways you can receive [assistance from OIS!](#)**

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### Timely Student Tips From your Advisor: Nadia Rizvi

- Are you an F-1 student filing for OPT? Avoid moving and [travel](#) while you wait for your OPT to be approved by USCIS. Check out additional OPT guidance in our [new FAQ section!](#)
- The enrollment period for summer term is now open! This means CPT requests for an internship /employment with summer dates can now be submitted in iHopkins. Be sure to read all CPT eligibility requirements [here.](#)

# IMMIGRATION REMINDERS



## International Student Essentials

Did you miss the Spring 2024 OIS Essentials session for new students? View the [video recording](#) and [slides with clickable links](#) to receive an overview of important immigration topics you should keep in mind while you are an international student at JHU.



## OIS now Offers Video Advising!

- During our Spring 2024 Pilot program, we are offering appointments that students can [book Tuesdays and Thursdays between 9am – 12pm](#). Video advising is for more complex questions that cannot be answered through information on our website.
- Remember that most requests and action items can be easily submitted through our portal: [ihopkins.jhu.edu](http://ihopkins.jhu.edu)



## J-1 Regulatory Review

J-1 Exchange Visitors in the Research Scholar, Professor or Short-Term Scholar status are encouraged to visit the OIS website to review the requirements of [Maintaining J-1 Status](#).

Note that the J-1 is a U.S.-based immigration status and EVs must ensure J-1 program continuity by engaging full-time in their program objective from within U.S. *The U.S. Department of State requires J-1 Exchange programs to take place primarily in-person at the approved activity site(s), which are listed in section 1 of the form DS-2019.*

*Exchange Visitors with questions about maintaining their J-1 status should contact [J1-Advising@jhu.edu](mailto:J1-Advising@jhu.edu) for further guidance.*



**It's Tax Season! Remember to File by April 15, 2024!**

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**New State Tax Filing Option Available.**

Exciting news! JHU has partnered with Sprintax to offer the University's international nonresident students, scholars, faculty, staff, and researchers free access to Sprintax's 2023 federal tax preparation software. **Brand new this year:** Sprintax will also offer assistance with state income tax preparation for a small fee, a widely-requested feature from YOU!

Access the [Sprintax Information Page](#) on the JHU Tax Office website for more information about Sprintax. This includes how to create a Sprintax account, how to access Sprintax resources including educational tax videos and a blog, and how to attend one of the MANY Sprintax free educational webinars. Take some time to explore the Sprintax site and learn about all the features it offers.

Additionally, if you have questions for the Tax Office regarding residency status, income tax treaties, withholding taxes, and payments, please visit the Tax Office [website](#) or submit your questions to us via the Tax Office [Customer Service Portal](#).

General information may also be found on the newly-revised [OIS Taxes webpage](#).

## U.S. Taxation of International Students and Scholars Webinar

In partnership with the JHU Tax Office, OIS is pleased to sponsor a webinar on U.S. Taxation covering topics including:

1. An overview of U.S. tax principles as they apply to international students and scholars;
2. An outline U.S. tax return filing basics and forms;
3. State tax return filing topics and forms; and
4. A discussion of common special scenarios and other frequently asked questions.

Presenter:

Meg E. Manchester, Principal, Miles & Stockbridge, P.C.

Meg has a diverse tax practice counseling clients on both personal and business-related tax matters.

When:

Thursday, March 14, 2024, from 4:00-5:00 pm - [RSVP HERE](#)

Additional information here: [Tax Webinar](#)

**JHU representatives from OIS and the Tax Office will participate in the call.**

Disclaimer: JHU does not endorse or recommend the law firm providing this presentation.

## Understanding the 212(e) Two-Year Home Residency Requirement (for J-1 Exchange Visitors)

The JHU Office of International Services (OIS) will *again* be holding a virtual presentation to assist individuals in understanding the [212\(e\) Two-Year Home Residency requirement](#), one of the commonly misunderstood aspects of the J Exchange Visitor Program. This presentation is geared towards individuals who are currently participating in a J-1 Exchange Visitor Program at JHU or have formerly held J-1 status.

The session will address what it means to be subject to 212(e) and how to determine who is subject. It will also provide general information about follow-up options and considerations for those who appear to be subject to 212(e), as well as commonly asked questions about this topic. **\*Note-** presentation will not address waiver options for ECFMG-sponsored physicians. The same 212(e) presentation was previously offered in October, 2023.

### Details below:

**What:** Understanding the 212(e) Two-Year Home Residency Requirement

**When:** Wednesday, March 27th at 12:15 p.m.

**Where:** Virtual presentation (Zoom)

**Register required:** [Register Here](#)

For any questions about the presentation or how to register, please contact: [J1-Advising@jhu.edu](mailto:J1-Advising@jhu.edu)

Advanced Registration Required!

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March

**STEM OPT SESSION  
F-1 STUDENTS ON OPT, ALL F-1 STUDENTS**

4-5 PM EST. [Register Here!](#)

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March

**OPT SESSION  
FOR ALL F-1 STUDENTS**

12-1 PM EST. [Register Here!](#)

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March

**OPT SESSION  
FOR ALL F-1 STUDENTS**

4-5 PM EST. [Register Here!](#)

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April

**OPT SESSION  
FOR ALL F-1 STUDENTS**

12-1 PM EST. [Register Here!](#)

Looking for additional on campus events? Check out [The Hub](#) and [Hopkins Groups!](#)

## Reminders

### OIS Webinar Recordings

Missed a webinar or want to review webinar materials? Visit OIS's [Webinar Recordings page!](#)

Recordings are available for the following sessions:

- U.S. Immigration and Employment Options Webinar
- U.S. Taxation of International Students and Scholars Webinar

### 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. Scam attempts can increase during tax season. To learn about how to protect yourself from these dangerous and costly schemes, click below:

- [JHU Scam Awareness Resources](#)
- [Social Security Administration Scam resources](#)

### DC Cherry Blossom Festival

Spring is here! If you're looking for a fun outdoor activity to celebrate, check out the National Cherry Blossom Festival in Washington, D.C. from March 20-April 14: [nationalcherryblossomfestival.org](http://nationalcherryblossomfestival.org)

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