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Best of luck with finals, and have a restful summer break!

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Timely Tips From your OIS Advisor: Linnea Tighe

- If summer is your last term of enrollment, keep in mind that you will need to be enrolled full-time (unless authorized for an [RCL](#)), attend courses in-person, and limit authorized [on campus](#) and [off campus employment](#) to part-time hours.
- Continuing students, be sure you have authorization for any potential summer employment! Review options for [on-campus employment](#) and [off-campus employment](#).

Graduating Student Reminders:

Congratulations on your upcoming graduation! Here are some important reminders as you make plans for your next steps:

- Don't delay getting your applications in for [OPT](#) (F-1) or [Academic Training](#) (J-1) to be able to work after graduation!
- Eligibility for [on-campus employment](#) ends as of your final term's last day of classes or exams, whichever is later, regardless of your actual I-20/DS-2019 end date.
- If you are transferring to a new school, or changing to a new program at JHU, [complete the required eforms](#).

Students & Scholars

Preparing to Travel:

Planning to travel this summer? Review the [“Travel Information”](#) section of the OIS website and prepare the appropriate documentation before departing the U.S.

- J-1 Exchange Visitors and F-1 Students must request a travel signature at least 10 business days in advance of travel. Instructions [here](#).
- H-1B Employees may request a [“Travel Letter”](#) through iHopkins. In addition, all H-1B employees should carry their Form I-797 and other documents listed on the OIS website to demonstrate their continued employment.
- Students on OPT should review specific OPT travel guidance [here](#).
- Individuals who need to [renew their U.S. visa stamp](#) while abroad should plan ahead as summer is a busy time for U.S. consulates.
- Returning from Travel:
 - All students, scholars and employees should immediately retrieve their [electronic I-94 record](#) online as soon as they return to the U.S. from travel and review it for any errors.

Scholars

OIS Travel Workshop for J-1 Exchange Visitors:

J-1 Exchange Visitor with upcoming plans to travel outside the U.S. are invited to join OIS for a virtual Travel Workshop on Wednesday, May 15th at 12:15 p.m. [Registration is required to attend the workshop](#).

Topics covered include:

- departure and re-entry to U.S. in J-1 status
- required documents
- visa renewal
- other travel-related considerations

*Note- presentation will cover travel information for JHU-sponsored J-1 Exchange Visitors. Other immigration statuses can find more [Travel Information](#) on the OIS website.

J-1 Program Extension Reminder:

J-1 Exchange Visitors who plan to extend their appointments at JHU beyond their current end date should consult their JHU hosting department to inquire about the possibility of extension. If approved, the JHU Department Administrator must initiate the process of extending the DS-2019 through iHopkins.

Upcoming OIS Events

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May

**J-1 EXCHANGE VISITOR TRAVEL WORKSHOP
FOR J-1 EXCHANGE VISITORS ONLY**

12:15-1:15 PM ET. [Register Here!](#)

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May

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

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

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May

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

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

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

Helpful Links

- International students, staff, researchers, and faculty are frequently targets of scams. Learn how to identify, stay aware, and protect yourself from scams on the [OIS Scams and Frauds Resource Page](#).
- JHU's Mental Health Services has locations at the Homewood Counseling Center, in East Baltimore and in Washington DC! Check out their new website [here](#) where you can find information, resources and links to programs such as an International Student Support Group, Anxiety Management, and Mindful Yoga.
- We continually work with our campus partners to provide resources to international students and scholars who are experiencing any type of stress or crisis. See the many ways you can find support on our [University and Community Resources](#) page.
- Looking for additional on campus events? Check out [The Hub](#) and [Hopkins Groups!](#)

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