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Immigration Reminders

F-1 and J-1 Students



Timely Tips From Blue Jay!

- Remember: each term you must enroll full-time, in-person. In exceptional cases, it may be possible to qualify for a [Reduced Course Load authorization](#). Only one online/hybrid course can count towards full-time enrollment.
- As we begin a new academic year, keep in mind it is the responsibility of each student to be familiar with the immigration requirements for [maintaining their F-1/J-1 status](#). If you have any questions or need help please [contact OIS](#).
- Has your US address changed? Update this by logging into [SIS self-service](#).

Working with OIS:

F-1 and J-1 students needing assistance from OIS are provided with multi-format advising sessions as well as online services in order to ensure you have the information and guidance you need.

- Full contact details and booking links can be found [here](#).
- **NEW STUDENTS:** We are currently gathering questions on any topic you may still have confusion about for our [Post-Arrival Session](#). Please [click here](#) to submit a topic or question you would like covered by OIS.

Students & Scholars

J-1 Visiting Student Enrollment Reminder:

Visiting Students in J-1 “[Student Non-degree](#)” status must complete enrollment upon arrival to JHU (and for each term they are here). Non-Degree Visiting Students should contact their hosting department administrator to determine the appropriate course(s) in which to enroll for their research and/or study at JHU. **Failure to enroll in a timely manner is a violation of J-1 Status.**

Scholars

J-1 Regulatory Review:

J-1 Exchange Visitors (EVs) 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](#). 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 the U.S. *J-1 Exchange programs should take place primarily in-person at DS-2019 approved activity site(s) which are listed on the DS-2019.*

Information for J-2 Family Members:

J-1 Exchange Visitors may choose to have their dependent family members accompany them on their program. The OIS website includes resources for [J-2 Dependent Family Members](#) which includes information about how to add J-2 dependent family members to a J-1 program, study in the U.S. and work authorization. J-2 dependents may only engage in employment in the U.S. after receiving authorization (EAD) through USCIS.

Event Announcements for Scholars:

International Scholar Mixer

On Friday, September 13th from 4:00-6:00 p.m., at the School of Nursing HUB & Courtyard at 525 N. Wolfe Street, there will be a social event with food, drinks and music! Open to International Scholars (including graduate students, postdocs and visiting fellows) within the JHU SOM, SON and SPH. [Click here to RSVP](#).

National Postdoc Appreciation Week

From September 16th-20th, the Johns Hopkins Postdoc Association (JHPDA) will host a series of events in honor of the annual National Postdoc Appreciation Week (NPAW). Information will soon be available on the official JHPDA Website: <https://www.jhpda.jhmi.edu/npaw>

As part of NPAW, OIS will be hosting an **International Scholars Overview** presentation on Tuesday, September 17th at 2 p.m. Check out the [Announcements page](#) of the OIS website for more information.

Upcoming OIS Events

27 September	OPT INFORMATION SESSION FOR F-1 STUDENTS 12-1 PM ET. Register Here!
09 October	ACADEMIC TRAINING INFORMATION SESSION FOR J-1 STUDENTS 4-5 PM ET. Register Here!
16 October	APPLYING FOR STEM OPT FOR F-1 STUDENTS ON OPT 12-1 PM ET. Register Here!
22 October	POST-ARRIVAL INFORMATION SESSION FOR NEW F-1/J-1 STUDENTS 12-1 PM ET. Register Here!
06 November	U.S. IMMIGRATION AND EMPLOYMENT OPTIONS FOR ALL JHU AFFILIATES 4-5 PM ET. Register Here!

Review additional fall F-1/J-1 student workshops here: [Upcoming OIS Events](#)

Helpful Links

- University and Community Resources
 - [Hopkins Groups](#) provides a private campus network, where students can connect, share, find resources and get involved!
 - Enhanced Student Health & Well-Being Services for Students this Fall
 - In an effort to streamline access to services, Mental Health Services and Primary Care can be reached via one phone number, **(410) 516-3311**
 - Self-scheduling will also be available for select appointment types within the MyHealth portal at myhealth.wellbeing.jhu.edu
 - Eligible learners can access mental health and primary care services at the Homewood, East Baltimore, or Washington, DC clinic that can serve and best align with your needs
- [Beware of scams targeting International Students and Scholars.](#)
- Don't miss Future Fest 2024! Future Fest is "Hopkins' premiere experience exhibition, life design exploration & employer recruitment festival". [Register here.](#)

