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We hope that you are having an academically
successful fall so far!

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Immigration Reminders

F-1 and J-1 Students



Timely Tips from Your International Student Advisor: Zack Salloum

- Fall graduates! Your OPT request window is now open. If you haven't already done so, be sure to register for an upcoming [OPT workshop](#) and review the [OIS OPT webpage](#) for more information on how to get started with your OPT request.
- Did you recently move to a new residence over the summer? If so, be sure to update your local address field in [SIS self-service](#). This will automatically notify OIS so we can correct your SEVIS record. Keeping an accurate residential address with OIS is an important [compliance responsibility](#) of all international students.

Beware of Scams:

The safety and security of international students and scholars at Johns Hopkins University is of utmost importance to OIS. Unfortunately, international students and scholars can be targets of highly sophisticated [scams and frauds](#), often mentioning immigration status or other sensitive government information. No government agency nor JHU representatives will ever ask you to purchase gift cards in response to an immigration concern. Do not make any purchases in response to such requests, no matter how official they sound. Always consult with an immigration advisor at OIS if anyone is contacting you requesting money, even if they claim to be from the federal government.

Address Update Reminder:

J-1 Scholars have a regulatory requirement to update their address with the OIS office within 10 business days following a change of address. To update your address please email J1-Advising@jhu.edu with ADDRESS UPDATE in the subject line.

J-1 Program Extension Reminder:

J-1 Scholars 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

<p>09 October</p>	<p>ACADEMIC TRAINING INFORMATION SESSION FOR J-1 STUDENTS</p> <p>4-5 PM ET. Register Here!</p>
<p>16 October</p>	<p>APPLYING FOR STEM OPT FOR F-1 STUDENTS ON OPT</p> <p>12-1 PM ET. Register Here!</p>
<p>22 October</p>	<p>POST-ARRIVAL INFORMATION SESSION FOR NEW F-1/J-1 STUDENTS</p> <p>12-1 PM ET. Register Here!</p>
<p>25 October</p>	<p>OPT INFORMATION SESSION FOR F-1 STUDENTS</p> <p>12-1 PM ET. Register Here!</p>
<p>06 November</p>	<p>CPT INFORMATION SESSION FOR F-1 STUDENTS</p> <p>2-3 PM ET. Register Here!</p>

<p>06 November</p>	<p>U.S. IMMIGRATION AND EMPLOYMENT OPTIONS FOR ALL JHU AFFILIATES</p> <p>4-5 PM ET. Register Here!</p>
<p>08 November</p>	<p>STEM REPORTING SESSION FOR F-1 STUDENTS ON OPT/STEM OPT</p> <p>12-1 PM ET. Register Here!</p>
<p>14 November</p>	<p>OPT INFORMATION SESSION FOR F-1 STUDENTS</p> <p>12-1 PM ET. Register Here!</p>
<p>19 November</p>	<p>APPLYING FOR STEM OPT FOR F-1 STUDENTS ON OPT</p> <p>3-4 PM ET. Register Here!</p>
<p>20 November</p>	<p>TRAVEL WORKSHOP FOR F-1/J-1 STUDENTS</p> <p>12-1 PM ET. Register Here!</p>

Review additional workshops here: [Fall F1/J1 Student Workshops](#)

Helpful Links

- University and Community Resources

- **JHU Tax Office**

- You Might Be Eligible for Tax Treaty Benefits! A tax treaty is an agreement between two countries designed to prevent both countries from taxing you on the same income. [Numerous countries](#) have tax treaties with the United States. If you are a resident of one of these countries, you may be eligible for an income tax treaty which could reduce or eliminate your U.S. federal income tax. If you have a [U.S. Social Security Number](#) AND are a resident of one of these [countries](#), the [Tax Office](#) may be able to facilitate a treaty for you to reduce your federal withholdings for the given year. To inquire about completing your treaty paperwork, please contact the Tax Office via their [Customer Service Portal](#). For more information about tax treaties, please visit this [website](#) under the FAQ section, with the heading “Tax Treaty”. You can also check out the [Sprintax YouTube Channel](#) which has a number of videos for nonresidents including videos about treaties.

- **JHU Public Safety**

- While [Campus Safety & Security](#) works 24/7 to foster a safe environment for the JHU community, you also play an important role. Familiarize yourself with some resources to help protect yourself and others.

◦ **2026 Diversity Visa Lottery Registration Opens**

- The State Department will begin accepting online registrations for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Diversity Visa (DV) lottery [starting Wednesday, October 2, 2024 at noon EDT](#). Foreign nationals who wish to enter the lottery have until Tuesday, November 5, 2024 at noon EST to file online. OIS cannot assist with this application and recommends applicants work with an immigration attorney.

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