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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: Katherine Worley

- Are you graduating at the end of fall term? Make sure you take the appropriate action before the deadline:
 - Request a [Change of Level or Transfer to a new school](#)
 - [Request OPT](#) (upcoming workshops linked below!)
 - [Depart the US](#)
- If you need more time in your academic program to complete degree requirements, be sure to [request an extension](#) before the program end date on your immigration document.

Support from OIS:

OIS is happy to serve our students and scholars through various modalities. Enhanced workshops, daily phone advising, and video advising appointments are just some of the ways you can receive helpful information from our office. Here is a snapshot of these services:

- Video Advising:
 - Number of students served in 2024: over 500!
 - [Make a video advising appointment here.](#)
- Phone Advising:
 - Number of students served in 2024: over 3,000!
 - [View phone hours here.](#)
- Workshops:
 - Number of students and scholars served in 2024: over 2,900!
 - [View available workshops here.](#)
- Faculty, staff, scholars and employees under JHU's immigration sponsorship may connect with OIS for email, phone or video advising in the following ways:
 - J-1 Exchange Visitors (other than J-1 degree and exchange students) should email J1-Advising@jhu.edu
 - Faculty, staff and postdocs with employment-based immigration questions (H-1B, TN, O-1, E-3, and Permanent Residency) should email H1B-Employment@jhu.edu
 - Please include details about your present immigration status and a summary of your questions or concerns so that we may connect you with the most appropriate OIS advisor. Phone and video advising is available by appointment between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Preparing to Travel:

Planning to travel this winter? 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](#).

Visa Renewal Information

- Individuals traveling outside of the U.S. with an expired visa should review the information on the OIS website about [Visa Renewal](#).

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.

Upcoming OIS Events

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CPT Information Session
FOR F-1 STUDENTS

2-3 PM ET. [Register Here!](#)

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U.S. Immigration and Employment Options
FOR ALL JHU AFFILIATES

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

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STEM Extension Reporting
FOR F-1 STUDENTS ON OPT/STEM OPT

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

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Understanding The 212(e) Two-year Home Residency Requirement
FOR J-1 EXCHANGE VISITORS

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

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OPT Workshop
FOR F-1 STUDENTS

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

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Applying for STEM Extension
FOR F-1 STUDENTS ON OPT

3-4 PM ET. [Register Here!](#)

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Travel Workshop
FOR F-1/J-1 STUDENTS

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

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STEM Extension Reporting
FOR F-1 STUDENTS ON OPT/STEM OPT

3-4 PM ET. [Register Here!](#)

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

Helpful Resources

U.S. Election-Related Resources and Programming

- Election Day in the U.S. is nearly here, and there's a variety of resources to learn about the key issues, get involved, and manage stress and anxiety. While only eligible U.S. citizens are permitted to cast a ballot in the election, international students and scholars can participate in the process by:
 - Encouraging eligible voters to vote. [Sign up to volunteer with the Hopkins Votes team](#).
 - Learning more about candidates and national and state issues. Visit [Vote411.org](#) or [BallotReady](#).
 - Attending programming related to the election. Check out [Hopkins Groups](#), including [In the Stacks: Hop The Vote](#), and [watch parties on Election Day](#).
- Election season can be a particularly stressful period, so the Student Health and Well-Being team has compiled [a collection of strategies to help manage election-related stress](#).

University and Community Events and Resources

- [Secure Your Nest: Blue Jay Safety Week](#)
 - Last month's event offered opportunities to develop one's "situational awareness" and learn tips for staying safe when living on and off campus.
- **November 11, 3:30 – 5pm** JHU Student Affairs Center for Diversity and Inclusion Hosting Culture Fest
 - The Center for Diversity & Inclusion fosters a sense of belonging for students and the JHU community by providing intentional engagement and holistic support. CDI is hosting a special Culture Fest November 11, 3:30 – 5pm at the Glass Pavilion. More info on [CDI and their events here](#).
- **Nov 18 – 22** [International Education Week \(IEW\) 2024](#)
 - IEW is a joint initiative of the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education, offering an opportunity to celebrate the benefits of international education and exchange worldwide.
- [Hopkins Groups](#):
 - OIS encourages engagement with the many resources and opportunities JHU has to offer. Don't forget to check out [Hopkins Groups](#) to connect with other students, explore your interests, and find out what's happening around your campus.
- [International Students at Hopkins \(ISAH\)](#)
 - Another fantastic resource that aims to uplift international students by answering questions about the student experience, academic support, and how to connect with other university resources.