



## Office of International Services

OIS International Scholar Newsletter- September 2025

This newsletter is a channel for the JHU Office of International Services (OIS) to share timely immigration-related reminders, as well as relevant resources and updates with our International Scholar community. Visit the OIS website for more information about our services and how to connect with our office: <https://ois.jhu.edu>.

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### OIS Services and Advising

The OIS is a virtual service operation that supports our international scholars via electronic means. To quickly connect with a J-1 Scholar advisor, remember to use our dedicated service account: [J1-Advising@jhu.edu](mailto:J1-Advising@jhu.edu). You can also refer to the OIS website for information related to your [J-1 immigration status](#).

### Immigration Policy Updates

We encourage you to continue to check the OIS website for [Recent Federal Immigration Actions](#), as well as our [Immigration Policy Information and Frequently Asked Questions](#) webpage. If there are any updates relevant to our international community, we will post them here.

OIS would like to take this opportunity to ensure that our international clientele knows they are welcome here and will be supported as a vital part of the JHU family.

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### Announcements

Throughout the fall semester, OIS will be offering a series of workshops designed for our international clientele. A number of workshops will provide information and resources for J-1 Scholars at JHU. All workshops will be posted on our [website](#) with a link to register. (Recordings will also be made available [here](#) after each workshop).

The upcoming September workshop for international scholars is below:

- **OIS International Scholars Presentation**
  - Virtual presentation with Q&A to follow during National Postdoc Appreciation Week, with an overview of OIS services for JHU's international scholars (e.g. J-1 Scholars, H-1B's & other immigration types) and information about campus and community resources
    - **What:** Info Session + Q&A for International Scholars.
    - **When:** Thursday, September 18th from 12:15-1 p.m.
    - **Where:** Virtual presentation (Zoom)
    - **Register here:**  
[https://jh.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_aYgJ3eoWR4iiYDTPjFoGKA](https://jh.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_aYgJ3eoWR4iiYDTPjFoGKA)
    - \*(Participants are invited to pre-submit their questions via the registration link by September 15th)

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### J-1 Scholar Reminders

- **Maintaining J-1 Status:** J-1 Exchange Visitors should be aware of the requirements of [Maintaining J-1 Status](#). A few important highlights include the need to notify OIS of the following:
  - **Participation Requirements:** J-1 programs must take place within the U.S., and primarily in-person at the approved activity site(s), as listed in section 1 of the form DS-2019. *Virtual or fully remote exchange programs are not permitted.*
  - **Documentation Requirements:** J-1 Exchange Visitors must [maintain current immigration documents](#) at all times,

including a passport valid for 6 months into the future, an unexpired DS-2019, and their most recent I-94 (retrieve your electronic I-94 [here](#), print a copy, and carry it with you as required by immigration law).

- **Address Reporting:** J-1 Scholars must report their local U.S. address directly to OIS within 10 days of a change: [J-1 Scholar Address Reporting](#)
- **J-1 Program Changes:** Contact OIS in the event of any changes in the conditions of a J-1 Exchange Visitor's program (including a change in faculty sponsor, change of lab, change of department, change in title or responsibilities, change in work location, etc.)
- **Early Completion:** J-1 Scholars planning to complete their J-1 program more than *15 days prior to the end date* on their DS-2019 form should notify OIS by submitting the J-1 End of Program/Departure Information eForm in iHopkins.

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## Events & Resources

The [2025 National Postdoc Appreciation Week](#) (NPAW) from September 15th-19th, is held every year in September to recognize the significant contributions that postdoctoral scholars make to research and discovery. Postdoc organizations around the world participate by holding special events. At JHU, events are held throughout the week by various committees to create awareness and celebrate postdocs. More information is available on the Johns Hopkins Postdoc Association (JHPDA) Website: <https://www.jhpda.jhmi.edu/npaw>

For other upcoming Johns Hopkins events and activities on campus, check out the [JHU Events](#) page!

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